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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 595

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*Commending Lawrence H. Hoover, Jr.*

Patrons—Sullivan and Landes; Senator: Obenshain

WHEREAS, Lawrence H. Hoover, Jr., a prominent Harrisonburg attorney known as the "father of mediation in Virginia," was honored for his distinguished service to the community in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, Harrisonburg Mayor Chris Jones proclaimed April 23, 2016, as Larry Hoover Day and Lawrence "Larry" H. Hoover, Jr., was presented the first Lawrence H. Hoover Jr., Award for Excellence in Peaceable Service to the Community; and

WHEREAS, Larry Hoover graduated magna cum laude from Hampden-Sydney College and earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Larry Hoover served as a legal officer for the United States Department of State and was posted in Manila, Philippines, and Geneva, Switzerland, before returning to Harrisonburg in 1971, partnering with his father to form the law firm now known as Hoover Penrod PLC; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Larry Hoover was a cofounder of the Community Mediation Center, now the Fairfield Center, in Harrisonburg because he saw the shortcomings of the legal system and wanted to do something to fix it; and

WHEREAS, over his long and successful career, Larry Hoover received numerous awards, including the 2005 Tradition of Excellence Award from the General Practice Section of the Virginia State Bar, and was recognized for his alternative dispute resolution efforts by the legal community; and

WHEREAS, Larry Hoover, who announced his retirement from practicing law in 2014, has made significant contributions to his community through his service in many civic organizations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lawrence H. Hoover, Jr., a distinguished Harrisonburg attorney and pioneer in finding alternative avenues for people struggling through the legal system; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lawrence H. Hoover, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his life's work in promoting ways to mediate rather than litigate disputes.

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