

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 960

Commending Arthur Anselene.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene, an exceptional public servant, has served the Town of Herndon in local government for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene was hired as the director of the Herndon Parks and Recreation Department in 1976; over the course of his 30-year career, he led the department to four national Gold Medal awards for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management, the highest award presented in the field; and

WHEREAS, as director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Arthur Anselene developed an array of community recreation programs and events, including the Labor Day Festival, Fourth of July Celebration, Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, Turkey Trot 5K race, summer concert series, the Towne Square Singers musical group, and the award-winning Herndon Festival, of which he served as chair for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene contributed to many projects to enhance the quality of life of all Herndon residents, including the flagship Herndon Community Center and its expansions, indoor tennis center at Bready Park, the stage element for the Herndon Municipal Center, the acquisition and development of seven town parks, and collaboration with Fairfax County on four others; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene also oversaw development at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course and Chestnut Grove Cemetery, the Downtown Master Plan, the Herndon Metrorail Station Area Plan, the town's purchase of privately owned land to facilitate the Downtown Redevelopment Project, and various road and intersection improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, under Arthur Anselene's leadership, the Herndon Police Department and the Herndon Parks and Recreation Department achieved national accreditation and received numerous awards from state associations, and the town received the Achievement Award and two Green Government Certifications from the Virginia Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene has supported fiscally responsible solutions to complex challenges, such as the automation of the water meter reading system, modernization of refuse collection services, adoption of significant technological upgrades to the town's website, the development of a town app, and enterprise resource planning software; and

WHEREAS, consistently committed to excellence, Arthur Anselene sustained financial stability for the town by maintaining a AAA bond rating and preparing 10 award-winning balanced budgets, each of which received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, respected throughout the Commonwealth for his commitment to the highest standards in local government, Arthur Anselene was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Recreation and Parks Association Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, the International City/County Management Association, and the Virginia Local Government Management Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Anselene has volunteered his time and leadership with numerous local civic and service organizations; he is an integral part of the Herndon Rotary Club, the Herndon Jaycees, and the Herndon Optimist Club, and he served on the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts Board of Directors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arthur Anselene for his more than 40 years of service to the Town of Herndon as a member of the Parks and Recreation Department and town manager; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Arthur Anselene as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of leadership and loyal service to the Town of Herndon.

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