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Commending Joe Dowling.

Patrons—Simon; Senator: Saslaw

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 987** 

Offered February 16, 2017

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling has dedicated more than 35 years to serving the residents of the City of

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling began working for Falls Church Department of Public Works in April 1981 as a maintenance worker and was soon promoted to equipment operator; he was responsible for the replacement and repair of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, retaining walls, catch basin tops, and asphalt on city property; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling was promoted to senior equipment operator and was placed in charge of excavation for repairs to water mains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers, using his skill and expertise to navigate around many utilities during excavations; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling serves as a crew leader of a four-man team that is responsible for road maintenance, sign replacement, leaf collection, snow removal, and storm damage clean-up; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Joe Dowling went above and beyond to help a family in Falls Church that had been blocked in their driveway by a fallen tree after a severe storm; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling has been a loyal and exceptional employee of the City of Falls Church throughout his career, and was twice nominated for Employee of the Year for his leadership and hard work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joe Dowling for his 35 years of service to the City of Falls Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Dowling as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to serving the members of the Falls Church community.