HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 440

Commending Everett Frank Dunton.

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

WHEREAS, Everett Frank Dunton is celebrating 40 years of service to the Virginia Farm Bureau in May 2017, and he has made considerable contributions to the Commonwealth in the field of fire scene investigation over the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton is a graduate of Chowan University, and he studied leadership management at the University of Richmond's Robins School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton began his illustrious career with the Virginia Farm Bureau in 1977, as a claims adjuster/investigator, and he became the company's first fire specialist/investigator in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in May 1994, Frank Dunton was promoted to supervisor of the Investigations Unit, and, in May 2005, he became manager of the Special Investigations Unit, where he was responsible for investigations for all 16 corporations within the Virginia Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton was promoted to director of what is now known as the Investigations Department at the Virginia Farm Bureau in January 2006, and four years later he was named to his current position of vice president of the Investigations Department; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton is certified in fire, forensic, and fraud investigations, and he is an instructor for the Virginia Forensic Science Academy, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Virginia State Police, and local law enforcement and fire departments; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton serves on the Virginia State Police Insurance Fraud Advisory Board, Chesterfield County Fire and Building Code Appeals board, and he was a charter member of Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Frank Dunton was involved in the founding of the Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units, of which he is a past president, and, in 2012, he was recognized for his longtime service and outstanding contributions with a lifetime membership in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dunton's efforts throughout his outstanding career have greatly increased the competency of fire scene investigation in the Commonwealth, which benefits public safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Everett Frank Dunton be commended on his distinguished 40-year career at the Virginia Farm Bureau; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Everett Frank Dunton as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his life's work and efforts to improve fire scene investigation in the Commonwealth.