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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 350

Offered January 31, 2017

*Commending William G. O'Brien.*

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WHEREAS, William G. O'Brien, the longtime county administrator of Rockingham County and a distinguished member of the Virginia Resources Authority, has diligently served the Commonwealth for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" O'Brien served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; after he returned home, he earned degrees from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and Southeastern University, then began his career in local government as county administrator of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Bill O'Brien became county administrator of Rockingham County, ably leading the county as it grew from a rural to a suburban community; his notable achievements in the areas of education, public utilities and facilities, and economic development helped to enhance the quality of life of all county residents, and he worked with other local governments to develop innovative joint programs in social services, emergency communications, and public health; and

WHEREAS, even after his well-earned retirement from Rockingham County in 2003, Bill O'Brien continued to offer his leadership to communities throughout the Commonwealth as an interim county administrator or town manager for the counties of Bath and Lunenburg and the towns of Dayton, Front Royal, and Timberville; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Bill O'Brien has further served the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) Board of Directors and has been appointed as chair by the past four Virginia governors; as chair of the VRA, he has provided efficient and effective leadership and strengthened the Commonwealth's infrastructure by overseeing more than \$7.5 billion in investments to more than 1,500 local government projects; and

WHEREAS, Bill O'Brien has earned numerous awards and accolades for his good work, including the prestigious Jefferson Cup Award from the Virginia Association of Counties, and he was named as a lifetime member of the Virginia Local Government Management Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William G. O'Brien for his years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William G. O'Brien as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of leadership in local government.

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