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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 155

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Commending Ron Rordam.

Patrons—Hurst, Habeeb and Rush; Senators: Deeds and Edwards

WHEREAS, Ron Rordam, a loyal public servant and a passionate community advocate, retired as the Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg in December 2017 after more than a decade of leadership; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Orleans, Ron Rordam gained an interest in civic life at a young age and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Orleans, where he studied history; he came to the Commonwealth in the 1970s to earn a master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech); and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, Ron Rordam pursued a career in insurance in Salem, then returned to Blacksburg in 1984 and ran his own health insurance firm in the area for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ron Rordam joined the Blacksburg Planning Commission in 1992, then ran for and was elected to the Blacksburg Town Council in 1996; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow Blacksburg residents, Ron Rordam ran for mayor and took office in 2006; he ably led the town through great periods of growth and change, while striving to maintain its unique rural charm; and

WHEREAS, Ron Rordam supported the creation of the Moss Arts Center, helped make North Main Street more pedestrian friendly, and oversaw the revitalization of College Avenue, the center of cultural life in Blacksburg, which is home to shops, restaurants, and the historic Lyric Theatre; and

WHEREAS, an organized and hardworking leader, Ron Rordam helped ensure that the Town Council ran efficiently and effectively, and he was a trusted mentor and friend to many people in local government and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Ron Rordam cultivated strong personal relationships with the leadership of Virginia Tech and Montgomery County, ensuring open communication and focused collaboration toward shared goals; and

WHEREAS, Ron Rordam served Blacksburg with the utmost integrity and dedication, leaving a legacy of good governance and careful planning to his successors; in his well-earned retirement, he plans to spend more time with his family as well as seek new opportunities to continue serving the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ron Rordam on the occasion of his retirement as Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ron Rordam as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his years of exceptional service to the residents of the Town of Blacksburg and the Commonwealth.

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