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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 189

Commending the Fairfax County Water Authority.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Water Authority was chartered in 1957 by the Virginia State Corporation Commission as a public, nonprofit water utility for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, and maintaining an integrated water system for supplying and distributing water inside and outside of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water is the Commonwealth's largest water utility and one of the 25 largest water utilities in the country; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water serves one out of every five Virginians who obtain their water from public utilities; and

WHEREAS, nearly two million people in the Northern Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church; and the communities of Herndon, Dulles, Vienna, and Fort Belvoir depend on Fairfax Water for superior drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water owns and operates two of the largest water treatment facilities in Virginia, with an average daily water production of 163 million gallons and a combined maximum capacity of 376 million gallons per day; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water draws water from the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir, which is fed by the Occoquan River, and operates a water distribution system that includes 3,971 miles of water mains, 28,827 fire hydrants, and 97,683 valves; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water is an active member of the Section for Cooperative Water Supply Operations on the Potomac of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, which serves to protect and enhance the waters and related resources of the Potomac River basin through science, regional cooperation, and education; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water recently finalized a long-term plan with Vulcan Materials Company to transform a rock quarry in Lorton into a 17-billion-gallon reservoir to accommodate the region's water supply and storage needs through 2085; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water provides its customers with reliable, affordable, and abundant drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Water celebrated its 60th anniversary on September 27, 2017, at the Frederick P. Griffith, Jr., Water Treatment Plant in Lorton; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fairfax County Water Authority on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Philip W. Allin, chair of the Fairfax County Water Authority, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the authority's success and its commitment to providing for the water supply and storage needs for Northern Virginia through 2085.