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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 308

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Commending Earl Flanagan.

Patrons—Krizek, Adams, D.M., Cole, Gooditis, Guzman, Hope, Hurst, Landes, Lopez, Plum, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Torian, Turpin and Tyler; Senators: Ebbin, Howell, Spruill and Surovell

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan, a dedicated public servant who has spent 12 years as Fairfax County's Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner, will retire in 2018 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan received a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from the University of Illinois and also attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and earned a graduate degree in social psychology and political science; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Earl Flanagan served as a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army in Europe, earning the Army Commendation Medal for an advance landing in France; he later served as a psychological warfare officer and airbase commandant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan began his career as an architect and eventually started his own firm in Illinois; in 1968, he joined the Chicago Regional Office of Housing and Urban Development as an expert on state and local building regulations; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Earl Flanagan became a principal architect and advisor on building codes and codes administration for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); he later served as a HUD advisor to the governments of Japan, China, Lebanon, and Mexico, as well as many institutes and organizations; and

WHEREAS, during his time with HUD, Earl Flanagan received the Certificate of Merit, the Department's highest award; he also helped establish and served as the first president of the Office of Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan was appointed Fairfax County's Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner in 2006; during his 12-year tenure with the District, he won the respect of his colleagues for his diligence and in-depth knowledge of planning and land use issues; and

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan has held many leadership roles in Fairfax County, including serving as president of the Riverside Estates Civic Association, president of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, and board director of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations; he has also been a member of numerous other government task forces, boards, and committees; and

WHEREAS, Earl Flanagan's professional honors include being named Lord Fairfax of the Mount Vernon District for 1999 and Mount Vernon District Citizen of the Year in 2000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Earl Flanagan on his exemplary service to the residents of Fairfax County on the occasion of his retirement as Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Earl Flanagan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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