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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered February 22, 2018

Commending Timothy Coyne.

Patrons—Collins and LaRock; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, Timothy Coyne, a public defender who strives to ensure that everyone receives the best possible representation in the legal system, has made innumerable contributions to the Winchester community; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from the University of Richmond, Timothy "Tim" Coyne began practicing law in Winchester in 1991; he served as a member of the Winchester City Council from 2000 to 2008 and became chief public defender for the city in 2004; and

WHEREAS, also representing clients in the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren, Tim Coyne upholds the integrity of the criminal justice system by ensuring that all clients receive a robust defense, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, having witnessed the damage that drug addiction can cause in a person's life, Tim Coyne collaborated with local partners to establish the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition; and

WHEREAS, as vice chair of the coalition, Tim Coyne works diligently to identify and develop innovative methods to support individuals struggling with addiction, such as a drug treatment court, which enables drug addicts and alcoholics to receive counseling and therapy rather than being incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, Tim Coyne was recognized by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as the 2016 Leader of the Year for his diligent work to support the community and enhance the justice system of the Commonwealth; he was selected from a ballot of 30 distinguished nominees, including defense attorneys, prosecutors, and a judge; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, Tim Coyne also received the prestigious Citizen of the Year award from the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber as part of its annual Greater Good Awards ceremony; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Timothy Coyne for his exceptional work as a public defender; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Timothy Coyne as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his tireless contributions to the residents of Winchester and surrounding communities.

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