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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 559

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Garry Friend.

Patrons—Cline and Garrett; Senator: Peake

WHEREAS, Garry Friend, a respected citizen and dedicated community volunteer who served as Amherst County treasurer for five years, retired in 2017 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Garry Friend was elected Amherst County treasurer in 2011; prior to beginning his public service, he spent nearly 40 years in the banking industry; and

WHEREAS, as Amherst County treasurer, Garry Friend brought the office into the 21st century by instituting new practices to improve organization, accountability, and collections; and

WHEREAS, Garry Friend also hired a deputy to increase productivity and used technology to improve the checks and balances of the treasurer's office and enhance the customer experience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as Amherst County treasurer, Garry Friend is a dedicated community member who helped found Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a nonprofit organization that works to feed local individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Garry Friend received the Treasurers' Association of Virginia's Community Service Award for his ongoing efforts to combat hunger in Amherst County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Garry Friend on his outstanding service to the community on the occasion of his retirement as Amherst County treasurer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Garry Friend as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his impressive career accomplishments and best wishes for the future.

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