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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 145

Offered February 15, 2018

Commending the Honorable James C. Dimitri.

Patrons—McClellan, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Howell, Spruill and Wagner; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bourne, Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Guzman, Hayes, Heretick, Herring, Hope, Hurst, Ingram, Krizek, Lopez, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Thomas, Turpin, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, the Honorable James C. Dimitri, an admired and respected commissioner of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, retired on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, James Dimitri was born on July 21, 1950, in Somerville, New Jersey, and raised in Charleston, South Carolina; he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia and received a law degree from the Boston University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, after being admitted to the bar, James Dimitri first appeared before the State Corporation Commission in 1980 as an attorney representing low-income clients; and

WHEREAS, James Dimitri represented the interests of all Virginia consumers as an attorney with the Division of Consumer Counsel in the Office of Attorney General from 1983 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, James Dimitri continued working on utility matters before the Commission for 20 years; he was in private practice in Richmond from 1987 to 1994, representing both large users of utility services as well as entities regulated by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 to 2000 James Dimitri served as senior counsel and then general counsel at the Commission, providing legal representation to the Commission and its divisions, then returned to private practice from 2000 to 2008, specializing in administrative and regulatory law; and

WHEREAS, James Dimitri was appointed as a commissioner by Governor Timothy M. Kaine and took the oath of office on September 3, 2008; he was elected by the 2009 General Assembly to complete an unexpired term, then was reelected to a second term in 2014; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the structure of the State Corporation Commission is unique, organized under Article IX of the Constitution of Virginia as a separate department of state government with delegated administrative, legislative, and judicial powers, James Dimitri's vast legal experience, his profound wisdom, and his unquestioned integrity have well served the interests of the citizens of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable James C. Dimitri for his judicial acumen and his long and exemplary career of public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable James C. Dimitri as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his outstanding service with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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