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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

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Commending William J. Vakos.

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WHEREAS, William J. Vakos, a decorated veteran and an accomplished developer who has strengthened the Spotsylvania County community, received the 2017 Governor Spotswood Award; and

WHEREAS, the Governor Spotswood Award is presented annually to a resident of Spotsylvania County who has enhanced the community through words, actions, or deeds and demonstrated integrity, courage, honor, personal discipline, and etiquette; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and numerous other awards and decorations for his leadership; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, William Vakos pursued a career as a developer in Spotsylvania County; driven by his appreciation for historical architecture, he has led efforts to preserve, renovate, and reuse many local landmarks; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos' vision and hard work have helped Spotsylvania County grow and prosper while maintaining strong ties to its history and heritage; his influence can be seen in the Historic Spotsylvania Courthouse area and in many retail and residential developments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting several local charities, William Vakos has provided the venues and financing for the annual Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular, Civil War reenactments, a Civil War Kids Camp, and a living nativity; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos was presented with the Governor Spotswood Award at a special ceremony at the Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular on July 1, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William J. Vakos on receiving the 2017 Governor Spotswood Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William J. Vakos as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional contributions to the Spotsylvania County community and the Commonwealth.

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