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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1036

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending John N. Skirven.

Patrons—Stolle, Knight and Lindsey; Senators: Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, John N. Skirven retired as chief executive officer of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia on July 31, 2018, after more than 28 years of service to seniors in the region; and

WHEREAS, a Baltimore native who lived in both Norfolk and Philadelphia as a child, John Skirven earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Temple University and a master's degree from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work; and

WHEREAS, following completion of his master's degree, John Skirven ran a geriatric program at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and worked as an administrator for a Medicare-certified home health agency and a housing director for the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging before joining the Southeastern Virginia Areawide Model Program, Inc., Norfolk, now known as Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, as executive director in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as executive director of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, John Skirven has dedicated himself to supporting and enriching the lives of seniors and their families in the South Hampton Roads region through advocacy, education, information, and comprehensive services including meal delivery, transportation assistance, in-home services, Medicare benefits counseling and information seminars, senior centers offering a variety of services and programs, caregiver support services, and other services; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, John Skirven oversaw the completion of development of the Hayden Village Center, an independent living community located in the renovated and adapted historic Hayden Village School in Franklin, which offers a mix of apartments for seniors, commercial space, and a community center as well as the administrative offices of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, following his well-earned retirement, John Skirven plans to seek new opportunities to serve the community, including serving as the part-time manager for the Hayden Center, the for-profit subsidiary of the Hayden Village Center, and pursuing other volunteer opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John N. Skirven on the occasion of his retirement as chief executive officer of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John N. Skirven as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of work to enhance the quality of life for senior members of the community.

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