

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 337

Commending Rufus Edmond Tyler, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, Rufus Edmond Tyler, Sr., has served as a dedicated member of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors for over 22 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greenville County and graduate of Greenville County High School, Rufus Tyler earned an associate's degree in business administration from Southside Community College, and a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in education from Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, Rufus Tyler was first elected to the Sussex County Board of Supervisors in November 1994 to represent the Henry District; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chair of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors, Rufus Tyler oversaw completion of a new building to house the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Sussex; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Planning Commission and Personnel Committee, Rufus Tyler worked to increase teacher, public safety employee, and county employee salaries and oversaw construction of several new schools in the county; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as a member of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors, Rufus Tyler is employed as the chief executive officer of the Improvement Association, Inc., an organization working to enhance quality of life and improve self-sufficiency in the community through advocacy, initiatives, and services including five Head Start programs located in Sussex, Surry, Greenville, and Brunswick Counties and at St. Paul's College, as well as Project Discovery, employment training, parenting skills programs, independent living programs, and other programs; and

WHEREAS, under Rufus Tyler's able leadership, the Improvement Association, Inc., established the Early Childhood Learning and Workforce Development Center in Waverly in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the support of his wife, the Honorable Roslyn Tyler; his children, Rufus, Jr., Ronecia, Rosche', and Rameka; and his grandchildren, Karter and McKenzie, has enabled Rufus Tyler to better serve his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rufus Edmond Tyler, Sr., hereby be commended for his dedicated service as a member of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rufus Edmond Tyler, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to the community.

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