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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 295

Offered February 21, 2020

Commending Carey A. Adams.

Patrons—Cox, Adams, D.M., Coyner and Robinson; Senators: Chase and Morrissey

WHEREAS, Carey A. Adams, longtime public servant and treasurer of Chesterfield County, retired in 2019 after serving citizens of the county for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, after earning a degree in accounting from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with *magna cum laude* honors, Carey Adams worked for the international accounting firm of Arthur Young for five years in their audit practice, obtaining his certified public account license in 1985; and

WHEREAS, in May 1988, Carey Adams began his career with the government of Chesterfield County as an accounting manager and was promoted to chief deputy treasurer shortly thereafter; on January 1, 2017, Carey Adams was appointed acting county treasurer and was elected to the position by the citizens of Chesterfield County in November of that same year; and

WHEREAS, Carey Adams actively participated on numerous committees and focus groups, including the Chesterfield Minority Internship Committee, the Treasurers' Association of Virginia's Education Committee, and several other groups in support of Chesterfield County's total quality improvement initiative; and

WHEREAS, Carey Adams led many innovations and process improvements that enhanced customer service and resulted in cost savings and convenience for the citizens of Chesterfield County, including the implementation of a new tax management system, the consolidation of statement billings, and the establishment of a new tax payment portal; and

WHEREAS, passionate about serving all customers with fairness and excellence, Carey Adams worked tirelessly alongside his staff to assist hundreds of walk-in taxpayers during peak periods; under his leadership, wait times in the Treasurer's Office on the June 5 tax deadline were the lowest in county history; and

WHEREAS, Carey Adams was responsible for safeguarding county funds under his control, maintaining accurate accounting records, and establishing a strong system of internal controls and management oversight that helped attain Chesterfield County's AAA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Carey Adams made changes to investment policies and procedures that resulted in significant increases in interest earnings; and

WHEREAS, Carey Adams will be missed for his faithful service, his unwavering commitment to fiscal integrity and ethics, and his dedication to excellence in customer service and treasury management; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carey A. Adams for his 31 years of exemplary service to the residents of Chesterfield County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carey A. Adams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to Chesterfield County and best wishes for a long, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

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