2020 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 348

Commending David Bell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, David Bell, who has served the citizens of Arlington County in numerous public roles for more than four decades, retired as vice chair of the Arlington County Electoral Board after years of exemplary service administering free and fair elections; and

WHEREAS, David Bell began his public service career as the Clerk of Court for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, where he became one of the youngest elected clerks in Virginia history at the age of 28 in 1977 and served until 2007; and

WHEREAS, David Bell earned recognition for his service to Virginia's judicial system as a clerk, including the prestigious William L. Winston Award from the Arlington County Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, David Bell first served on the Arlington Electoral Board from 2009 to 2011 and was reappointed in 2014; and

WHEREAS, under David Bell's skillful management and leadership, the Arlington County Electoral Board has overseen and efficiently managed record turnout in the county's 54 precincts; and

WHEREAS, David Bell's service on the Arlington County Electoral Board has made it a model for other electoral boards across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, David Bell has faithfully served the Arlington County Electoral Board, the Arlington County community, and the Commonwealth with honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Bell on the occasion of his retirement from the Arlington County Electoral Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Bell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to election administration in Arlington County and service to the citizens of the Commonwealth. HJ348ER