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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 502**

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending David L. Ash.

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Patrons—LaRock, Delaney, Gooditis and Subramanyam; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, David L. Ash assumed the duties and responsibilities of county administrator and clerk to the Clarke County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 1991, and served in that capacity, as only the second county administrator in Clarke County's history, until December 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, David Ash served on various civic committees and commissions, including the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center Joint Building Committee, the Berryville-Clarke County Joint Committee for Economic Development and Tourism, the Clarke County Communications Committee, the Coalition on the Effects of Illegal Immigration, the Events Ordinance Review Committee, the Housing Rehabilitation Board, and the Joint Administrative Services Board; and

WHEREAS, David Ash acted as the locality's director of emergency management from 1991 until the creation of the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management Department on October 21, 2014; in order to best serve the interests of the citizens of Clarke County, he maintained his certifications as an emergency medical technician and responded to emergency medical service calls as needed; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, David Ash oversaw numerous building projects, including the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center, the Animal Shelter on Ramsburg Lane, and the Quarry Road Convenience Center, as well as the expansion of the Clarke County Recreation Center to include the new Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices and the Clarke County Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, David Ash instituted the employee service awards, the digitization of records in county administration, and the digitization and in-house publication of the Code of Clarke County, greatly enhancing the county's operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David L. Ash, longtime county administrator and clerk to the Clarke County Board of Supervisors, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David L. Ash as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service and dedication to the supervisors, employees, and citizens of Clarke County.