## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127**

Commending Ross W. D'Urso.

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

WHEREAS, Ross W. D'Urso of Opal retired as commissioner of the revenue of Fauquier County on December 31, 2019, after nearly three decades of exceptional service to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Ross D'Urso began his career of service to the citizens of Fauquier County in 1990 as chief deputy commissioner of the revenue under the tutelage of the Honorable Alice Jane Childs, until her retirement from the office; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ross D'Urso was elected as commissioner of the revenue and faithfully served the citizens of Fauquier County for six consecutive four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Ross D'Urso was instrumental in providing leading-edge technology to the commissioner's office and implemented a computerized mapping system for Fauquier County, which was the foundation for the current geographic information system; and

WHEREAS, Ross D'Urso maintained tax assessment records and provided a range of financial services, including revenue forecasting, to county government, as well as serving as a "watchdog" and assessor for the property tax revenue of Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, in September 2019, Ross D'Urso was honored at the 100th annual conference of the Commissioners of the Revenue Association, when Fauquier County became one of the first localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia to achieve Office Accreditation, thanks in large part to his commitment to good governance through hard work, leadership, and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, as a patron of the arts, Ross D'Urso enjoys joining other musicians in various local venues and events, and served on the board of the Windmore Foundation for the Arts and the first board of directors for the Gloria Faye Dingus Music Alliance in Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, Ross D'Urso continues to actively serve the community as a longstanding member and past president of the Rotary Club of Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, in all areas of service, Ross D'Urso has been an inspiration to others and an example of excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Ross W. D'Urso hereby be commended for his distinguished service as commissioner of the revenue for Fauquier County 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 Ross W. D'Urso as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements on behalf of the residents of Fauquier County and best wishes for the future.