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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

Offered March 3, 2020

Commending Stephen A. Elswick.

Patrons—Cox, Adams, D.M., Coyner and Robinson

WHEREAS, Stephen A. Elswick was first elected to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in 2011, representing the Matoaca magisterial district; and

WHEREAS, Stephen "Steve" A. Elswick was subsequently reelected in 2015 and ably served his constituents and all the residents of Chesterfield County with honor and integrity for eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his two terms of service, Steve Elswick was elected by his peers to serve as chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors, Steve Elswick faithfully served the Chesterfield Fire and Emergency Services Department for 31 years, starting as a firefighter in 1973 and working up through the ranks to retire as fire chief; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick's insights, expertise, and visionary leadership contributed to steady, noteworthy improvement in Chesterfield County's quality of life and stature as a nationally recognized leader among local governments; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick volunteered his talents to the County-Schools Liaison Committee; Audit and Finance Committee; Capital Region Airport Commission; Plan RVA (formerly the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission); Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization; Capital Region Collaborative; Crater Planning District Commission; Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization; and the Richmond Metropolitan Authority; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Board of Supervisors, Steve Elswick and his fellow board members met the challenge of appointing a new county administrator and police chief following the retirements of long-tenured county employees serving in these positions; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick was instrumental in developing a successful bond referendum that was approved by the voters in 2013 to increase funding for school renovations and public safety and emergency communications needs; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick oversaw the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan for Chesterfield County that will guide its future growth and development while maintaining a high quality of life for residents and businesses; the adoption of a reformed cash proffer policy with 100 percent of the maximum cash proffer dedicated to road infrastructure; and an increase in sports tourism in the county through the acquisition of River City Sportsplex; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick provided unwavering support to Virginia State University (VSU) and the Ettrick community through the establishment of regular town and gown meetings between the leadership of the university and the county government, preservation of the Summerseat historic building, dedication of the Appomattox River Trail, and construction of the VSU Randolph Farm water tank; and

WHEREAS, Steve Elswick secured significant transportation improvements in Chesterfield County, including the widening of East River Road in Ettrick, Hull Street Road, and Woolridge Road, as well as the construction of the roundabout at Genito and Otterdale roads; and

WHEREAS, during Steve Elswick's tenure, Chesterfield County announced 98 new economic development projects and more than \$4 billion in investment, as well as 8,238 new jobs; the county began renovations of Manchester Middle School and Matoaca Middle School and broke ground on the new Matoaca Elementary School; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Stephen A. Elswick hereby be commended for his eight years of exemplary public service on the Chesterfield 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 Stephen A. Elswick as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his legacy of achievements on behalf of the residents of the Matoaca district and all of Chesterfield County.

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