## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180**

Commending Bob F. Holton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Bob F. Holton, one of the longest-serving public officials in Rockingham County, retired as assistant town manager for public works of Bridgewater in 2020; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from James Madison University in 1973, Bob Holton began serving the Bridgewater community as town superintendent at a time when the population numbered less than 3,000; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Bob Holton focused on improving infrastructure by replacing water lines and addressing problems with street drainage and the sewer system, as well as on projects to enhance local parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, over the course of Bob Holton's long career, the population of Bridgewater more than doubled, and he ably managed the challenges of continuing to provide high-quality service to the growing community; and

WHEREAS, Bob Holton was a vital source of institutional knowledge and witnessed changes to town administration, including the renaming of the town superintendent position to town manager, serving as the first town manager and as the town's top administrator for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Holton was guided by his vision to build a stronger, more resilient community in Bridgewater, and his legacy lives on in the many other town officials he mentored and inspired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bob F. Holton hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as assistant town manager for public works of Bridgewater; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bob F. Holton as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his outstanding legacy of contributions to the residents of Bridgewater.