

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 213

Commending John E. Potter.

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

WHEREAS, John E. Potter, president and chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and former United States Postmaster General and chief executive officer of the United States Postal Service, has served residents in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and throughout the country for many years; and

WHEREAS, joining the United States Postal Service (USPS) in 1978 as a distribution clerk, John "Jack" E. Potter quickly rose through the ranks by demonstrating expertise in the implementation of automation technology throughout the USPS system; and

WHEREAS, named the 72nd United States Postmaster General on June 1, 2001, Jack Potter was instrumental in raising awareness of the chronic issues endangering the sustainability and longevity of the USPS, insights that ushered in the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006, the first major piece of postal reform legislation in decades; and

WHEREAS, shortly after retiring from the USPS in 2010, Jack Potter was selected by the board of directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) to serve as the organization's president and chief executive; and

WHEREAS, as leader of MWAA, Jack Potter guides a staff of more than 1,500 employees in the operation of Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the two major airports servicing the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Jack Potter's responsibilities at MWAA include the management of large-scale capital improvement initiatives at both airports, involving the administration of multi-billion-dollar project budgets; and

WHEREAS, Jack Potter coordinates between various public and private partners and stakeholders to fund MWAA's activities and fulfill its objectives, demonstrating remarkable capabilities as an executive and manager; and

WHEREAS, countless citizens of the Commonwealth and the United States have benefited from Jack Potter's sterling leadership, masterful vision, and tireless dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That John E. Potter, president and chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority hereby be commended for his years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John E. Potter as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions on behalf of the Commonwealth and the country.

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