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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 260

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending Michael O'Reilly.*

Patrons—Boysko; Delegate: Samirah

WHEREAS, Michael O'Reilly, an attorney, public servant, and active community leader in Herndon, was selected as the 2020 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Herndon; and

WHEREAS, a native Virginian, Michael O'Reilly has lived in Herndon for 40 years and proudly raised his four children in the community with his wife, Annie; he has served many local residents as an attorney and the owner of the O'Reilly Law Firm; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow residents, Michael O'Reilly ran for and was elected to the Herndon Town Council, where he served as a member from 2000 to 2004, at which time he was elected as mayor; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Michael O'Reilly achieved a significant tax rate reduction, oversaw the opening of a new police station and a new senior center, helped rewrite the town's zoning ordinance, and partnered with Fairfax County to establish a regulated day labor site; and

WHEREAS, after the completion of his term, Michael O'Reilly continued to serve the region on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and was involved in renovations at Dulles International Airport, as well as the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project; he subsequently joined the nonprofit Washington Airports Task Force; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2019, Michael O'Reilly offered his leadership to the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and presided over a 46 percent reduction in the region's homeless population by working with faith-based groups, service providers, and community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Reilly has enhanced cultural life in Herndon as chair of the Board of Arts Herndon, which is currently working with Fairfax County to build a new arts center in downtown Herndon; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Reilly has received numerous other awards and accolades for his exemplary achievements in public service and civic leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael O'Reilly on his selection as 2020 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Herndon; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael O'Reilly as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of service to the Herndon community and the Commonwealth.

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