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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 746

Offered February 2, 2021

Commending William S. Feasenmyer, Jr.

Patrons—Cox, Byron, Cole, M.L., Coyner, Davis, Freitas, Helmer, Reid and Watts; Senators: Kiggans, Reeves and Ruff

WHEREAS, William S. Feasenmyer, Jr., who has served the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction for many years, was named the 2020-2021 commander of the American Legion Department of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the son of a career United States Army officer, William "Bill" S. Feasenmyer, Jr., joined the United States Army shortly after graduating from Colonial Heights High School, serving as an infantryman, mortarman, and parachute rigger in the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam Era; and

WHEREAS, returning to Colonial Heights after his military service, Bill Feasenmyer attended Richard Bland College and Virginia State University, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, for the next three decades, Bill Feasenmyer worked as an insurance adjuster for Allstate Insurance and then as a substitute teacher in the Colonial Heights School District for several years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer then served as a deputy sheriff for Colonial Heights until his election as the Colonial Heights commissioner of the revenue, a position he has served in since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer currently serves as a member of the Commonwealth's Charitable Gaming Board and is active in many Colonial Heights community service organizations, including the Optimist Club, the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce, the Colonial Heights Quarterback Club, Boy Scouts of America, and several veterans service organizations; and

WHEREAS, since shortly after his release from active duty, the focus of Bill Feasenmyer's community service has been the American Legion; he has served Colonial Heights Post 284 previously as commander, vice commander, children and youth co-chairman, scholarship chairman, oratorical chairman, and athletic officer and is currently serving as finance officer, building rental chairman, and a member of the executive committee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary service, Bill Feasenmyer received the Legionnaire of the Year Award from Post 284, the 11th District, and Eastern Region of the American Legion in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer has worked tirelessly for the American Legion, serving as 11th District commander, Department of Virginia vice commander, and Department of Virginia treasurer for three years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer has repeatedly demonstrated unparalleled dedication and leadership ability during his 43 years of membership in the American Legion and Colonial Heights Post 284; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer has served the American Legion Department of Virginia as Americanism chairman for two years, as chairman of the Law-and-Order Committee and Youth Cadet Law Enforcement (YCLE) program director for five years, and as a member of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feasenmyer has served as an instructor for the American Legion Department of Virginia Leadership College for many years and is a member of the parent organization's National YCLE Committee and its National Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Bill Feasenmyer was elected commander of the American Legion Department of Virginia and as such represents 17 Districts and over 200 Posts, with close to 40,000 members throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity and honor, Bill Feasenmyer has always answered the call to serve, providing strong leadership to help America's military men and women and their families and modeling the ideals of an involved citizenry through his unswerving service to his community, state, and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William S. Feasenmyer, Jr., for being named the 2020-2021 commander of the American Legion Department of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William S. Feasenmyer, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for his meritorious contributions to the Commonwealth.

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