

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

Commending the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration ably responded to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring smooth and efficient processes for early in-person voting and absentee voting during the 2020 United States presidential election; and

WHEREAS, led by Rich Venskoske, director of elections and general registrar, the staff of the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration worked diligently to address safety concerns, prepare for record voter turnout, and conduct a free and fair election; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce crowds and wait times on election day, the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration and other registrars' offices throughout the Commonwealth offered early in-person voting; and

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration sent out absentee ballots earlier in the fall and implemented preprocessing to efficiently handle the record-breaking number of ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration effectively prepared to serve significant numbers of voters at polling places throughout the county on election day; and

WHEREAS, at all in-person voting sites, including local precincts and early voting stations at the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, personnel demonstrated a commitment to the safety of poll workers and voters by checking for masks, placing physical distance markers, and sanitizing voting booths between uses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration hereby be commended for the outstanding performance of its duties during the 2020 United States presidential election; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Frederick County Office of Elections and Voter Registration as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its achievements in service to the residents of Frederick County.

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