

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 759

Commending John Unger.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021

Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, John Unger, an esteemed public servant who was the longest serving member in the history of the Hamilton Town Council, stepped down from his role on the council in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Trucksville, Pennsylvania, John Unger earned a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctoral degree in geophysics from Dartmouth College before embarking upon his career with the United States Geological Survey in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after stints in Menlo Park, California, and Hawaii, John Unger and his family settled in Hamilton, enabling him to commute daily to the United States Geological Survey headquarters in Reston; and

WHEREAS, John Unger initially served on the Hamilton Town Council as an appointee to fill a vacancy created in 1983, but would soon be elected to the Hamilton Town Council a year later; and

WHEREAS, John Unger's nine consecutive terms on the Hamilton Town Council, spanning 36 years and including several terms as vice mayor, are a testament to his constituents' faith in his leadership and vision for the community; and

WHEREAS, over approximately 1,880 town council meetings and through thousands of votes, John Unger has had an outsized impact on the growth and development of Hamilton over the last half-century; and

WHEREAS, as the longstanding chairman of the Hamilton Town Council's finance committee, John Unger was a forceful advocate for maintaining the town's fiscal health throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, John Unger's notable accomplishments on the Hamilton Town Council include the creation of Hamilton Community Park and the expansion of the town's sewer system to several out-of-town properties; and

WHEREAS, John Unger's service is an inspiration to all Virginians and a reminder of why the Commonwealth is a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John Unger, longtime member of the Hamilton Town Council, on the occasion of his retirement from public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Unger as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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