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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 533

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Commending Michael Cassidy.

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WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy, president and chief executive officer of The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, retired from the organization in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgetown University with a master's degree in public policy from The College of William & Mary, Michael Cassidy previously worked as an analyst at both the United States Office of Management and Budget and the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy founded The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis (TCI) in 2006 to provide reliable information on and analysis of the effects of public policies on low-income and moderate-income families and to foster a more prosperous and equitable Commonwealth for all; and

WHEREAS, under Michael Cassidy's leadership, TCI has emerged as a leading voice for alleviating poverty in the Commonwealth, advocating for the expansion of Medicaid, raising the minimum wage, improving tax credits and unemployment insurance programs for low-income and moderate-income families, increasing investments in public education, reforming criminal justice policies, and advancing immigrant rights; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy served on the Council on Virginia's Future, an advisory council serving the Governor of Virginia and the General Assembly, and as a board member of the Sacred Heart Center, a nonprofit organization operating as a social hub for the Latino community in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from TCI, Michael Cassidy will join the Annie E. Casey Foundation as its director of policy reform and advocacy, guiding the organization's efforts to encourage federal, state, and local policy decisions that will improve the lives of disadvantaged children and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Michael Cassidy hereby be commended on his retirement as president and chief executive officer of The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Cassidy as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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