

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 730

*Commending Tom Harvey.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Tom Harvey, former owner of Hollin Hall Automotive on Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria, retired in May 2021 upon selling his business; and

WHEREAS, Tom Harvey learned the gasoline and automotive repair business from his parents, Leon and Ruth Ann, who had purchased Hollin Hall Automotive in 1961 shortly after it was established; and

WHEREAS, Tom Harvey began working as a station attendant at Hollin Hall Automotive at the age of 13 and started helping his mother manage the business in 1970, working beside her until she retired in 2013 at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, with an unparalleled commitment to customer service, Tom Harvey maintained three station attendants to pump gas and wash windshields until 2009, long after other stations had resorted to self-service operations; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Tom Harvey's business acumen, Hollin Hall Automotive was often recognized for being the Gulf Oil station in the Mid-Atlantic region with the highest volume of gas and accessories sold; and

WHEREAS, under Tom Harvey's leadership, Hollin Hall Automotive was a major supporter of local community groups and endeavors, including Little League baseball teams, Boy Scouts of America troops, parent teacher associations, schools and preschools, the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project; and

WHEREAS, Tom Harvey's generosity was demonstrated during the Bosnian refugee crisis, when Hollin Hall Automotive employed two Bosnian refugees while helping their families locate furniture, clothing, and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, by enabling Hollin Hall Automotive to deliver millions of gallons of gas, employ hundreds of individuals, and serve several generations of customers over the past 60 years, Tom Harvey has helped make Alexandria a wonderful place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Tom Harvey and his wife, Judy, plan to enjoy their well-deserved retirement by settling along the scenic Nanticoke River in Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Tom Harvey, former owner of Hollin Hall Automotive, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Harvey as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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