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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 192

Offered February 4, 2022

Commending John Shaffer.

Patrons—Gilbert; Senator: Obenshain

WHEREAS, John Shaffer, director of marketing and public relations of the Luray Caverns Corporation, who has greatly supported the growth and development of the Page County tourist destination over the past half-century, retired in 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Shaffer initially served as a parking attendant at Luray Caverns in the 1960s before earning a bachelor's degree in business management from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, John Shaffer returned to the Luray Caverns Corporation following graduation and has been an integral member of the organization ever since, assisting in nearly every aspect of its operations over his career; and

WHEREAS, in addition to roles in the sales office and as a tour guide and coordinator, John Shaffer notably assisted Leland Sprinkle in his efforts to build and tweak the world-famous "Great Stalacpipe Organ" within Luray Caverns; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of his community, John Shaffer has served on the Luray Planning Commission and with the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce as both chairman of the Tourism Council and Marketing Committee and as a member of the board of directors; he is a longstanding member of the Luray Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, although stepping away from day-to-day operations, John Shaffer will continue to serve as an emissary for the Luray Caverns Corporation in his retirement, representing the organization before various national associations and legislative bodies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John Shaffer, a pillar of the Luray Caverns Corporation over the past half-century, 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 John Shaffer as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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