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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 404

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Mark Jinks.

Patrons—Bennett-Parker; Senator: Ebbin

WHEREAS, Mark Jinks, who made a positive and lasting impact on the City of Alexandria and the Commonwealth during his term as city manager of the City of Alexandria and throughout his 45 years of public service in state and local government, retired in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mark Jinks joined the City of Alexandria in 1999 as its chief financial officer and was appointed City Manager by the Alexandria City Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as city manager, Mark Jinks played a significant role in many of Alexandria's major accomplishments, including the creation and preservation of affordable housing, the expansion of capital investments, and upgrades to the city's information technology systems and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Mark Jinks has guided several notable endeavors as city manager that will impact Alexandria in the coming years, including the opening of the Potomac Yard Metrorail station, the establishment of the new Inova Hospital at the site of the former Landmark Mall, and the development of land acquisitions along the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Mark Jinks has been credited with improving customer service, organizational effectiveness, project management, accountability, and interdepartmental collaboration in the offices of the City of Alexandria, enabling the locality to better serve its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for justice and a great vision for the future of Alexandria, Mark Jinks hired forward-looking police leadership and the city's first race and social equity officer, while generally increasing diversity among the city's senior leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mark Jinks' capable management of the city's finances, the City of Alexandria has retained its AAA bond rating, providing a strong fiscal foundation upon which the city can continue to grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, under Mark Jinks' leadership, Alexandria has bolstered its influence in the region, while the city has ably navigated the historic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pursuing personal and travel interests that he did not have time for during his career and spending more time with his wife, Eileen, Mark Jinks intends to mentor the next generation of public administrators in his retirement, ensuring his commitment to excellence will be carried forward by future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mark Jinks, city manager of the City of Alexandria, 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 Mark Jinks as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his extraordinary career in public service and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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