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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 405

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Bill Reagan.

Patrons—Bennett-Parker; Senator: Ebbin

WHEREAS, Bill Reagan, founder and former executive director of the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, was inducted into the Living Legends of Alexandria Class of 2020 and retired in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Bill Reagan attended the University of Texas, where he studied natural resource economics and regional planning before joining the United States Army, serving his country in West Germany, Thailand, and West Berlin; and

WHEREAS, settling in Alexandria following his service, Bill Reagan worked in sales for the federal government for some time before recognizing the need for greater small business consulting services in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, with help from members of the Alexandria City Council, Bill Reagan established the Alexandria Small Business Development Center in 1996 as part of the Virginia Small Business Development Center network; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Reagan's leadership, the Alexandria Small Business Development Center has become a leading proponent of small business in the area, providing counseling, training, forums, and other resources in the areas of legal, accounting, marketing, and more to enable owners to focus on the success of their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Bill Reagan has worked with business education teachers at Alexandria City High School and a professor of operations in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Pamplin College of Business to foster the growth and development of future business leaders; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of championing small businesses in Alexandria, Bill Reagan retired from his position as executive director of the Alexandria Small Business Development Center on January 31, 2022, leaving a legacy of service that will inspire members of the organization and the community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bill Reagan for his extraordinary career and for being named a 2020 Living Legend of Alexandria; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Reagan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for his future endeavors.

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