

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 83

Offered March 3, 2022

*Commending Joe Dowling.*

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WHEREAS, Joe Dowling, a senior crew leader with the Falls Church Department of Public Works, has served the community for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling began working for Falls Church Department of Public Works in April 1981 as a maintenance worker and was soon promoted to equipment operator; he was responsible for the replacement and repair of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, retaining walls, catch basin tops, and asphalt on city property; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling was promoted to senior equipment operator and was placed in charge of excavation for repairs to water mains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers, using his skill and expertise to navigate around many utilities during excavations; and

WHEREAS, as a senior crew leader, Joe Dowling directs a five-person team in the Operations Divisions of the Falls Church Department of Public Works that is responsible for road and sidewalk maintenance, sanitary and storm sewer systems, sign replacement, leaf collection, snow removal, and storm damage clean-up; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling leads by example and often goes above and beyond in the performance of his duties, such as in 2000, when he helped a family in Falls Church that had been blocked in their driveway by a fallen tree after a severe storm; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dowling is the only member of the Operations Division other than the superintendent who is cross-trained in all functions of the division, meaning his expertise and skill with equipment are often in high demand; and

WHEREAS, during Winter Storm Jonas in 2016, Joe Dowling worked for 68 consecutive hours and logged a total of 142 hours over 10 days to support snow removal efforts, for which he received the 2016 Falls Church Employee of the Year award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Joe Dowling hereby be commended for more than 40 years of service to the residents of Falls Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Dowling as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Falls Church community.

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