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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 643

Offered February 9, 2023

*Commending the Honorable Robert H. Brink.*

Patrons—Ransone, Filler-Corn, Adams, D.M., Adams, L.R., Austin, Bagby, Bennett-Parker, Bloxom, Brewer, Bulova, Carr, Clark, Delaney, Edmunds, Glass, Gooditis, Guzman, Hayes, Helmer, Herring, Hope, Hudson, Jenkins, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Krizek, LaRock, Lopez, Maldonado, Marshall, McQuinn, Mullin, Mundon King, Murphy, O'Quinn, Orrock, Plum, Price, Rasoul, Reid, Robinson, Scott, D.L., Seibold, Sewell, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam, Sullivan, Tata, Taylor, Torian, VanValkenburg, Walker, Ward, Ware, Watts, Webert, Willett and Wilt; Senators: Barker, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Reeves, Ruff and Stuart

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert H. Brink completed his service to the Commonwealth as chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" H. Brink has a distinguished record of public service as the former delegate of the 48th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, as the deputy commissioner for the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and as a senior legislative advisor to Governor Terence R. McAuliffe; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink joined the Virginia State Board of Elections as chair in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink guided the Virginia State Board of Elections through the challenges of adapting to changes in the election processes due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, seeing the need for a cohesive and focused source of study and recommendations regarding the electoral process, Bob Brink led the establishment of the Advisory Review Workgroup, which provides valuable input to the board from the Virginia elections community and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the public's need to participate fully in the electoral process, Bob Brink gave every opportunity for members of the public to be heard both during meetings and through the exchange letters sent from his desk; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink has served the residents of the Commonwealth with fairness, dedication, integrity, and a high degree of professionalism in his role as chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink is the devoted father of two adult children and has been blessed with four grandchildren; he looks forward to spending more time with his beloved family after his retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Robert H. Brink for his service as chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Robert H. Brink as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievement in service to the residents of the Commonwealth and contributions to the democratic process and best wishes on his well-earned retirement.

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