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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 646

Offered February 9, 2023

Commending Jay T. Braxton.

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WHEREAS, Jay T. Braxton, assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, was presented with the Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS) recognized Jay Braxton for the impact he has made through his dedication, service, and leadership to both the House of Delegates and the ASLCS; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton has facilitated operations at the House of Delegates for the past 25 years and has been assistant clerk since his appointment in 2011, managing the support services area of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and overseeing a staff of 70 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton has advanced his profession through his longstanding involvement with the ASLCS, chairing several of the organization's committees and serving on its executive committee since 2016, including two years as associate vice president; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton has adeptly fulfilled the duties of key liaison and coordinator for several of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates' major activities and projects in recent years, such as the development of the new General Assembly Building in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton proved instrumental to the successful operation of the legislature during the COVID-19 pandemic by helping to orchestrate sessions that were carried out virtually, outdoors, and at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center to accommodate public health requirements in place at the time; he also coordinated the 2022 gubernatorial inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton's profound commitment to the House of Delegates is evident in the effort he puts forth daily to assist delegates, his colleagues, and the public and in the care he takes to ensure the traditions and practices of the chamber are dutifully observed; and

WHEREAS, Jay Braxton is a reliable mentor and friend to his colleagues at the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, all of whom have benefited greatly from his knowledge and expertise; and

WHEREAS, with great integrity and distinction, Jay Braxton has exemplified the virtues of public service over his past quarter century with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and serves as an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jay T. Braxton, assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, for receiving the 2022 Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jay T. Braxton as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to the Commonwealth.

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