

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 332

Commending Edwin Williams Lynch.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 1996
Agreed to by the Senate, February 29, 1996

WHEREAS, 1996 marks the 50th anniversary of Edwin Lynch's first term in the House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, a native of Annandale, Edwin Lynch was elected to the House of Delegates as the only representative of Fairfax County, at a time when both Pittsylvania and Wise Counties had two delegates; and

WHEREAS, during his first term Edwin Lynch served on the Roads and Internal Navigation, Militia and Police, and Executive Expenditures Committees, and appropriately for Fairfax County in the 1940s, the Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, defeated in his reelection bid in 1947, Edwin Lynch returned to the House of Delegates in 1950 and served through the contentious special redistricting session of 1952; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in the General Assembly, Edwin Lynch fought an often lonely battle for more proportional representation for the citizens of Fairfax, who were finally represented by two delegates in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Lynch ultimately won his battle when the Supreme Court handed down its landmark "one man-one vote" decision in 1962; and

WHEREAS, a business leader in Northern Virginia for many years, Edwin Lynch has long been noted for his contributions to his community including his interest in conflict resolution, which resulted in his establishment of the Vernon and Minnie I. Lynch Chair of Conflict Resolution at George Mason University in honor of his parents; and

WHEREAS, George Mason University's highest honorary award, the George Mason Medal named after the father of the Bill of Rights and given to an individual with a record of service to his community consistent with the public service of George Mason, was awarded to Edwin Lynch in 1995; and

WHEREAS, on this 50th anniversary of his election to the General Assembly, it is appropriate to honor a man who has dedicated a major portion of his life to serving others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Edwin Williams Lynch on his lifetime of achievement, dedication, and service to his community and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edwin Williams Lynch as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his unwavering commitment to his fellow citizens.

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