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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 359

Offered March 5, 1996

*Commending Burr Powell Harrison.*

Patrons—Mims and May; Senator: Waddell

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Burr Powell Harrison, a preservation activist in Leesburg for nearly five decades and the president of the George C. Marshall Home Preservation Fund, Inc., since 1988, announced his retirement in December 1995; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of Leesburg, Powell Harrison graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1933 and served in the U.S. Army for five years during World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, a successful businessman in Leesburg, Powell Harrison has served the Leesburg community for many years as a member of the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and as president of Oatlands, Inc., a National Trust property in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Powell Harrison was a moving force behind the restoration and revitalization of what eventually became the Historic District in downtown Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, Powell Harrison is the founder and chairman of the board of the Piedmont Environmental Council, served as chairman of the Leesburg Restoration and Redevelopment Commission, was president of Colonial Leesburg, and was chairman of the Leesburg Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1980s, Powell Harrison spearheaded efforts to convert the Leesburg home of General George C. Marshall, Dodona Manor, into an international conference center; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, Powell Harrison has been in the forefront of the Dodona Manor project, an effort in keeping with General Marshall's brilliance in international affairs following World War II; and

WHEREAS, Powell Harrison's contributions to the Leesburg community over the past 50 years are nearly incalculable, and his continuing efforts, retirement notwithstanding, on behalf of the George C. Marshall International Center are further evidence of his commitment to the quality of life in Leesburg and Loudoun County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Burr Powell Harrison for his many years of dedication to the cause of historic preservation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Burr Powell Harrison as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his superlative career and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

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