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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 250

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Commending Robert G. Burnley.

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WHEREAS, Robert G. Burnley of Richmond is recognized for his longtime public service to the Commonwealth as an exemplary environmental professional and as the director of the Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Burnley received a bachelor's degree in biology in 1972 from Virginia Commonwealth University and attended Virginia Tech for a postgraduate degree in environmental engineering; and

WHEREAS, Bob Burnley has more than 30 years of experience as an environmental professional and began his public service career for the Virginia State Water Control Board in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Bob Burnley held many key technical and management positions and became the regional director for the Water Control Board's West Central Regional Office in Roanoke in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Bob Burnley joined the engineering firm of Olver, Inc., in Blacksburg as the associate director of Environmental Programs, advising local government and industrial clients on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Bob Burnley returned to state government as the deputy executive director of the State Water Control Board and was responsible for regulatory programs statewide and the operations of six regional offices; and

WHEREAS, with the formation of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Bob Burnley was appointed director of the Water Division in 1993 and was promoted to director of Program Support and Evaluation in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Bob Burnley became the director of Technical Services for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, working with new and expanding industries, as well as local economic development agencies; and

WHEREAS, because of Bob Burnley's vast experience and superb leadership, Governor Mark R. Warner appointed him as the director of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in 2002; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Robert G. Burnley for his many years of outstanding public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert G. Burnley as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his commitment to the environment and his dedication to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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