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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 158

Offered January 15, 2014

Commending William R. Bell.

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WHEREAS, William R. Bell, a devoted and influential public servant, is retiring as the Department of General Services' director of the Division of Purchases and Supply; and

WHEREAS, William "Ron" Bell has served the Commonwealth in the director's position since April 1999, and previously served over 25 years as an officer in the United States Navy Supply Corps; and

WHEREAS, Ron Bell holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, is a graduate of the University of Virginia Darden Graduate School of Business Executive Program, and is a Certified Professional Contracts Manager; and

WHEREAS, Ron Bell has had responsibility for procurement policy and regulations implementing the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and oversight of integrity of the Commonwealth of Virginia's annual procurement of goods and services over \$5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Ron Bell has served as the president of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), was on the Executive Advisory Board of the National Contract Management Association, and was a member of numerous purchasing organizations, including the Institute for Supply Management; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, NASPO awarded Ron Bell with the Guilio Mazzone Distinguished Service Award to recognize his service on a continuing exemplary basis to the public purchasing profession; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 and under Ron Bell's direction, the Division has won the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award seven times, twice while receiving the highest score of any state; and

WHEREAS, during Ron Bell's tenure, the Division implemented the eVA electronic procurement portal, which has won numerous awards, including the 2003 Cost Effectiveness Award from the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council and the 2002 "Best in Breed" Technology Award from the Center for Digital Government; and

WHEREAS, Ron Bell is widely known for his tenacity in ensuring the integrity of the procurement process, balancing the needs of the Commonwealth with the ability of procurement personnel to accomplish their agency's needs, and his forthrightness in dealing with any contract issue or concern; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William R. Bell on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of General Services; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William R. Bell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his loyal and committed service to the Commonwealth and best wishes for a happy retirement.

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