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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 374

Offered February 26, 2014

Commending John D. Miller.

Patron—Hodges; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, John D. Miller, a native of Middlesex County who can trace his family lineage in the county back to 1680, was elected president of the Virginia Association of Counties at its 78th annual conference on November 13, 2012, in Bath County; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller graduated from Middlesex High School in 1967 and is a retiree of the West Point pulp mill, where he was employed for much of his adult life; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller, a member of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, became the second president of the association from Middlesex County and the first in nearly 60 years, when he was elected as the top executive of the Virginia Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller has served as a Middlesex County board supervisor for 19 years and was selected to serve as chairman and vice chairman five times over the course of his tenure, during which he administered the planning and construction of Middlesex Elementary School, the extensive renovation of the Middlesex High School, the renovation of the Middlesex County Courthouse, and the establishment of enhanced 911 and radio systems for emergency workers; and

WHEREAS, valiantly and confidently confronting a critical illness, John D. Miller is the first politician in United States history to be elected to office with an artificial heart and to serve while waiting for a heart transplant; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Virginia Association of Counties board of directors since 2003, John D. Miller was instrumental in developing the association's strategic plan, enhancing its educational programs, and establishing the Virginia Investment Pool during his tenure as the association's president; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller has demonstrated his commitment to civic participation and leadership as a member of numerous community boards and committees, including the Middle Peninsula Community Criminal Justice Board, Disability Services Board, Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board, Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Middlesex Planning Commission, Middlesex Public Library Board, Airport Committee, and the Bicentennial Committee, which produced a book on the history of Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller has shown that he is an experienced local leader who knows the issues that concern Virginia's counties, and he has revealed a unique ability to unify people of diverse backgrounds for the common good; and

WHEREAS, John D. Miller has led the Virginia Association of Counties with integrity, determination, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John D. Miller; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John D. Miller as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to serving the Virginia Association of Counties and the Commonwealth.

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