2016 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 254

Commending G. E. Via III.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, G. E. Via III, who represented the citizens of Ashland for 28 years as an appointed and elected official and most recently served on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, retired in 2015; and

WHEREAS, G. E. "Ed" Via's experience in local government is extensive; he served on the Hanover County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for 16 years and then was a member of the Hanover County Planning Commission for four years, representing the Ashland District; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the people of Ashland, in 2007 Ed Via was elected to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors; he was vice chair of the board in 2009 and served as board chair in 2010 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via was a member of several committees of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, including the Legislative Committee and the Rules Committee, and was an alternate member of the Joint Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via worked for the betterment of the area as Hanover County's representative to the Hanover and Ashland Liaison Committee and as a board member of the Capital Region Airport Commission and Richmond Region Tourism; he also served as an alternate member of the Capital Region Taxicab Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via offered sage guidance as a member of the Hanover County Social Services Advisory Board and the board of directors of Sports Backers; he has endeavored to fulfill the county's vision to be a premier community where people and businesses can achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ed Via is a graduate of John Marshall High School and North Carolina Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated and loyal public official, Ed Via has ably served the people of Hanover County during a period of change and growth, demonstrating integrity and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend G. E. Via III for his many years of service to the people of Ashland and Hanover County on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to G. E. Via III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his many years of public service to the people of Ashland and Hanover County.