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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 285

Offered February 15, 2018

Commending the Honorable Robert H. Brink.

Patrons—Sullivan, Adams, D.M., Austin, Ayala, Bell, John J., Bell, Richard P., Bloxom, Bourne, Boysko, Brewer, Bulova, Byron, Campbell, Carr, Cline, Cole, Collins, Convirs-Fowler, Cox, Davis, Delaney, Fariss, Filler-Corn, Fowler, Freitas, Garrett, Gilbert, Gooditis, Guzman, Habeeb, Hayes, Head, Helsel, Heretick, Herring, Hodges, Hope, Hugo, Hurst, Ingram, James, Jones, J.C., Jones, S.C., Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Krizek, Landes, LaRock, Leftwich, Levine, Lindsey, Lopez, McGuire, McQuinn, Miyares, Morefield, Mullin, Murphy, O'Quinn, Orrock, Peace, Pillion, Plum, Pogge, Poindexter, Price, Rasoul, Reid, Robinson, Rush, Sickles, Simon, Stolle, Thomas, Torian, Toscano, Turpin, Tyler, Ward, Ware, Watts, Webert, Wilt, Wright and Yancey; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, McPike, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert H. Brink, a loyal public servant and a respected professional with experience in all levels of government, has dedicated his life to serving the residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" H. Brink worked to enhance the Arlington County community as an activist and civic servant for many years, then served the nation as counsel to two congressional committees and as a member of the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Bob Brink ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and represented the residents of the 48th District from 1998 until 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time in office, Bob Brink worked to enact numerous important pieces of legislation, including efforts to increase funding for teachers of blind students, ensuring that blind and low-vision students in the Commonwealth receive a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink played a crucial role in the financial stewardship of the Commonwealth on the Committee on Appropriations, where he proudly supported the formation of Virginia's Children's Health Insurance Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named as the head of the Arlington delegation, Bob Brink became the 13th most-senior member of the Virginia House of Delegates and offered his leadership and wisdom as the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Privileges and Elections and as a member of the Committee on Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink earned numerous awards and accolades for his good work, including recognition from the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia and conservation groups; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink helped inspire a passion for public service in a generation of future leaders by heading the Virginia YMCA Model General Assembly program board; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Bob Brink was appointed by Governor Terence R. McAuliffe as Deputy Commissioner for Aging Services at the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, where he worked with Area Agencies on Aging to help older Virginians live independently while maintaining their health, dignity, and security; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brink continued to serve the McAuliffe administration in various capacities for three and a half years, completing his tenure as the Governor's senior legislative advisor; and

WHEREAS, having served the citizens of Virginia with integrity for more than two decades as a public servant, Bob Brink will seek new opportunities to serve the Commonwealth and his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Robert H. Brink for his more than 20 years of public service to the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Robert H. Brink as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and exceptional achievements.

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