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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 558

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending David Bruce Patterson.

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WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017, David Bruce Patterson retired after 39 years of distinguished service as Rockbridge County Circuit Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lexington, Bruce Patterson attended Rockbridge High School and then earned his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and his master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; during his early career, he worked as an auditor and assistant branch manager at First National Bank of Lexington; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Patterson began his nearly four decades of service to Rockbridge County in 1978, when he was elected County Circuit Court Clerk; his diligence and personal integrity later saw him reelected to the post five times; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Bruce Patterson was a dedicated member of the Virginia Court Clerks' Association, serving as its secretary-treasurer from 1987 to 1989, vice president from 1990 to 1991, and president from 1991 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Patterson has brought his talents to a number of boards and community organizations, including serving as the director of the Bank of Botetourt, the director of the Rockbridge Area Housing Association, a board member of the Brownsburg Community Water Association, and a member of the Judicial Systems Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and WHEREAS, Bruce Patterson is also a past president of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club, a past zone

WHEREAS, Bruce Patterson is also a past president of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club, a past zone and district governor of the Natural Bridge District Ruritan Clubs, and a past president of the Rockbridge chapter of the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, the proud father of three sons, Will, Chris, and Scott, Bruce Patterson is an active member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career, Bruce Patterson has served the residents of Rockbridge County and Lexington with great skill and devotion, earning him the enduring respect of his colleagues and his community; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Bruce Patterson's retirement, the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors renamed the Record Room of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office the "D. Bruce Patterson Record Room"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Bruce Patterson for 39 years of honorable service as Rockbridge County Circuit Court Clerk; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Bruce Patterson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his impressive accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.