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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 183

Offered February 26, 2018

Commending Timothy L. Taylor.

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WHEREAS, Richlands Town Manager Timothy L. Taylor marked the end of 15 years of distinguished service as president of the Blue Ridge Power Agency Board of Directors on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Timothy "Tim" Taylor provided exemplary leadership for members of the Blue Ridge Power Agency (the Agency), a nonprofit cooperative made up of consumer-owned electric utilities, including the Cities of Danville, Martinsville, Radford, and Salem, the Towns of Bedford and Richlands, the Virginia Tech Electric Service, and the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, all of which serve more than 250,000 residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, during his term of office, Tim Taylor led the Agency to meet its stated goal: "through the power of numbers/size, collective resolve, economies of scale and cooperative joint action, to pursue those activities which will ensure the most reliable and lowest cost wholesale electric power supplies possible for its members today and in the future;" and

WHEREAS, the Town of Richlands has been a member of the Agency and Tim Taylor has served as a board member since its inception in 1988, and he will continue to serve as a board member after completing his term as president; and

WHEREAS, Tim Taylor is a family man and a devout Christian, who is very active in his church and community, as well as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Tim Taylor is a man of "seven hats," leading the Town of Richlands and, in many cases, doing the work necessary for the Town to efficiently and effectively function and serve its citizens, including administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, planning/design, human resources, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, even with all the demands on his time and his many responsibilities, Tim Taylor devoted a significant amount of time and energy to his leadership role with the Agency; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as board president, Tim Taylor provided the leadership under which the Agency achieved significant accomplishments, such as replacing long-term power supply contracts that at termination left the Agency members in a volatile and unpredictable electric power market with the stability of a portfolio of consumer-owned diverse generation assets and multiple market contracts of varying term lengths; and

WHEREAS, Tim Taylor oversaw collaboration with other consumer-owned utilities and organizations within the Commonwealth, as well as throughout the region and nation, to protect Agency members' interests in regulatory and legislative venues at the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, Tim Taylor set a collegial atmosphere within the Agency that fostered open, productive networking and discussion among members that has benefited members and helped the Agency achieve its goals; and

WHEREAS, during his 15-year tenure, Tim Taylor brought measurable benefits to the more than 250,000 residents served by the Blue Ridge Power Agency and its member systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Timothy L. Taylor for his 15 years of dedicated service and leadership as president of the Blue Ridge Power Agency Board of Directors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Timothy L. Taylor as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his leadership and dedication, as exemplified by the effectiveness and achievements of the Blue Ridge Power Agency.

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