

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

Commending William J. Vakos.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2018

WHEREAS, William J. Vakos, a decorated veteran and an accomplished developer who has strengthened the Spotsylvania County community, received the 2017 Governor Spotswood Award; and

WHEREAS, the Governor Spotswood Award is presented annually to a resident of Spotsylvania County who has enhanced the community through words, actions, or deeds and demonstrated integrity, courage, honor, personal discipline, and etiquette; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and numerous other awards and decorations for his leadership; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, William Vakos pursued a career as a developer in Spotsylvania County; driven by his appreciation for historical architecture, he has led efforts to preserve, renovate, and reuse many local landmarks; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos' vision and hard work have helped Spotsylvania County grow and prosper while maintaining strong ties to its history and heritage; his influence can be seen in the Historic Spotsylvania Courthouse area and in many retail and residential developments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting several local charities, William Vakos has provided the venues and financing for the annual Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular, Civil War reenactments, a Civil War Kids Camp, and a living nativity; and

WHEREAS, William Vakos was presented with the Governor Spotswood Award at a special ceremony at the Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular on July 1, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend William J. Vakos on receiving the 2017 Governor Spotswood Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William J. Vakos as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional contributions to the Spotsylvania County community and the Commonwealth.

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