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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 735

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Commending Richard David Legon.

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WHEREAS, on July 25, 1983, Richard David Legon joined the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and served in various leadership capacities, until being appointed as its president in 2006; and

WHEREAS, during Richard "Rick" David Legon's tenure as president, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) has taken the lead on important national and regional matters such as intercollegiate athletics, education quality, assessment and outcomes, external influences impacting higher education independence, and operational and enterprise risk assessment, among many other relevant issues; and

WHEREAS, under Rick Legon's leadership, AGB's reputation, both as a trusted adviser in all matters of governance and as a dependable advocate for higher education in national and state policy matters, has grown exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Rick Legon served honorably and capably on the Board of Visitors for Virginia State University, while also leading efforts at AGB to contribute statewide educational programs for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, thereby supporting the development and training of board members for all of Virginia's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Rick Legon created and led the visionary Guardians Initiative, which has provided thousands of volunteer advocates for public and private colleges and universities to promote the value of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Rick Legon initiated AGB's annual Foundation Leadership Forum, the only such gathering in which foundation executives and volunteer board leaders gather with higher education experts to discuss issues affecting public higher education institutions and their related foundations; the forum is now in its 23rd year, with an attendance of more than 600 foundation leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Richard David Legon, the president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, 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 Richard David Legon and his dedicated wife, Frances Park Legon, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and appreciation for his 35 years of dedicated service and commitment to the mission of the nation's public and private universities and colleges and best wishes on a well-deserved retirement.

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