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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending John T. Atkinson.

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WHEREAS, John T. Atkinson retired as treasurer of the City of Virginia Beach on December 31, 2018, after nearly 41 years of service; and

WHEREAS, John Atkinson, a native of Virginia Beach, grew up in the city's North End and served in the United States Navy before joining Atkinson Realty, the family-owned business located on the Virginia Beach oceanfront, in 1972; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his community, John Atkinson ran for and was elected treasurer of Virginia Beach in 1977, beginning a tenure marked by a commitment to efficiency, the use of technology, and innovation in his duties; and

WHEREAS, John Atkinson was the first Virginia Beach treasurer to allow payments to be made by credit card and was the first treasurer to use a computer database, which he programmed himself, to track payments received; and

WHEREAS, during John Atkinson's service as treasurer, the City of Virginia Beach grew from 220,000 residents to over 450,000; during the same period the staff of the Office of the Treasurer increased from 62 to 75 employees to keep pace with the demand for services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as treasurer, John Atkinson served his community as an organizer of the Exchange Club annual pig roast to raise money for nonprofit organizations in the Commonwealth as well as an active leader in other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, John Atkinson was the longest serving elected official in Virginia Beach and the longest serving treasurer in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That John T. Atkinson hereby be commended on his retirement as treasurer of the City of Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John T. Atkinson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his dedicated service to the City of Virginia Beach.

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