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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 554

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Commending Kent Stigall.

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WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Kent Stigall retired from the Division of Legislative Services as a geographic information systems specialist after more than 35 years of outstanding service to the Commonwealth and the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a state government employee, Kent Stigall worked at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* from 1982 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall joined the Division of Legislative Automated Systems as a programmer analyst in September 1984 and served the Commonwealth in that capacity for the next 13 years; and

WHEREAS, on December 25, 1997, Kent Stigall joined the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) and used his technical prowess to support statewide legislative redistricting processes as a geographic information systems specialist; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his duties, Kent Stigall maintained up-to-date records and maps of Virginia's voting precincts and built datasets of precincts' voting history for use in redrawing legislative and congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall interpreted data from the 2010 United States Census to help staff members and state legislators make informed decisions about the composition of voting precincts for the decennial redistricting process in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall played a critical role in redistricting by hiring, training, and directing staff members to assist with the process; he worked closely with members of the General Assembly to provide research and analysis of districts, as well as training on the use of the redistricting application; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall built a robust framework for the redistricting process, ably managing procurement of hardware and software, researching and selecting vendors for equipment and applications, and ensuring that the working platform met the needs of the agency and the members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall aggregated data and produced reports related to redistricting, including reports on redrawn districts for the Office of the Attorney General to submit to the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, during his long tenure in state government, Kent Stigall became a source of institutional knowledge and was a trusted mentor and friend to many of his fellow DLS employees; his contributions left the agency well-prepared to effectively manage future decennial redistricting processes; and

WHEREAS, Kent Stigall's personal integrity, commitment to public service, and wealth of professional expertise helped ensure the good and efficient functioning of state government and enabled the General Assembly to better serve the residents of and visitors to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kent Stigall for more than three decades of meritorious service as a state employee on the occasion of his retirement from the Division of Legislative Services; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kent Stigall as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his wide-ranging expertise and gratitude for his achievements on behalf of the residents of the Commonwealth.

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