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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 385

Offered February 2, 2021

*Commending Kirk Kincannon.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker, Boysko, Howell, Marsden, McPike and Saslaw; Delegates: Bulova, Delaney, Helmer, Kory, Levine, Murphy, Reid, Sickles, Sullivan and Watts

WHEREAS, Kirk Kincannon, executive director of the Fairfax County Park Authority who has served citizens of Northern Virginia for more than 30 years, retired in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Kincannon earned a degree in recreation, leisure services, and physical education from Virginia Wesleyan University in 1980 and also studied at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Kincannon has dedicated more than 30 years of his four decades in public service to localities in Northern Virginia, working his way from recreation coordinator in Herndon in 1981 to park specialist in Fairfax County in 1985 and to director of Alexandria Parks and Recreation in 2004, among other positions; and

WHEREAS, after a brief five-year stint away from the Commonwealth as director of Parks and Recreation in Boulder, Colorado, Kirk Kincannon returned to Fairfax County in 2014 to lead the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA); and

WHEREAS, as executive director, Kirk Kincannon turned the FCPA into an award-winning public agency, setting a course for the future by establishing a new agency-wide master plan, implementing equity policies to make sure Fairfax County parks are accessible to all, and winning the agency's fourth National Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association; and

WHEREAS, a fellow at the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the Urban Land Institute, Kirk Kincannon served on several boards and commissions supporting public recreation, chairing the Virginia Recreation and Park Society Board of Directors and serving on the Urban Directors Committee of AAPRA; and

WHEREAS, among many successes, Kirk Kincannon spearheaded the passage of park bonds in 2016 and 2020, and he helped to raise more than \$1 million every year for the Park Foundation, securing a strong financial future for Fairfax County's recreational spaces; and

WHEREAS, Kirk Kincannon also worked to expand Fairfax County residents' access to green spaces, adding 24,000 acres of new park land during his tenure and expanding overall park spaces by more than 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, by leading the FCPA with the utmost passion and professionalism, Kirk Kincannon has helped make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kirk Kincannon, executive director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kirk Kincannon as an expression of the General Assembly's high esteem and admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.

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