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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 659

Offered January 29, 2021

Commending Randall R. Silber.

Patrons—VanValkenburg, Adams, D.M. and Convirs-Fowler

WHEREAS, Randall R. Silber, deputy county manager of the County of Henrico, who enjoyed a successful and distinguished 43-year career in local government, retired on June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in geography from the University of Northern Colorado, Randall "Randy" R. Silber began his career in Dickinson, North Dakota, as an associate planner with the Roosevelt-Custer Regional Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, following a seven-year tenure as principal planner of the City of Hopewell, Randy Silber joined the Henrico County Planning Department in August 1985, where he progressively assumed greater responsibility; he was appointed the agency's assistant director in February 1996, served as acting director for seven months in 1997 and 1998, and named director in May 2004; and

WHEREAS, since January 2008, Randy Silber has served as deputy county manager for community development and overseen the responsibilities of the Departments of Building Construction and Inspections, Community Revitalization, and Planning, as well as the Permit Center, while providing administrative overview for the Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, during his nearly 35 years with the County of Henrico, Randy Silber has directed numerous county land use-related projects, played an instrumental role in the county's growth management efforts, and facilitated major economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, while serving as deputy county manager for community development, Randy Silber has helped shepherd significant projects in every area of Henrico, including development of Short Pump, Libbie Mill Midtown, Rocketts Landing, and White Oak Technology Park and redevelopment of Innsbrook Corporate Center and Eastgate, Regency Square, and Virginia Center Commons; and

WHEREAS, Randy Silber's efforts throughout the county have included the revitalization of the Laburnum Avenue and Williamsburg Road corridors; the establishment of the Highland Springs Historic District; the acquisition of Fort Southard, Wilton Farm, and Malvern Hill; and planning for new county capital facilities, such as schools, libraries, fire and police stations, and athletic fields and complexes; and

WHEREAS, Randy Silber has made an impact on planning decisions throughout the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia Commonwealth University Real Estate Circle of Excellence, the Virginia Association of Counties' Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee, and the National Association of Counties' Environmental, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; he was an alternate member of the regional PlanRVA Commission; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the advancement of his profession, Randy Silber holds memberships in the American Planning Association, the Urban Land Institute, and the International Economic Development Council; he is a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Randy Silber is highly respected by his colleagues and the Henrico community for his experience, knowledge, professionalism, integrity, dedication, technical expertise, and vision and has unfailingly demonstrated patience, warmth, sincerity, and grace while representing the County of Henrico; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Randall R. Silber, deputy county manager of the County of Henrico, 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 Randall R. Silber as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for his service and best wishes for the future.

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