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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 445

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Mercury Payton.

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, Mercury Payton, esteemed manager of the Town of Vienna, received a Top Local Government Influencers award from Engaging Local Government Leaders in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mercury Payton was recognized by Engaging Local Government Leaders for his extensive influence both in his community and beyond through his professional associations, writing, and mentoring efforts; and

WHEREAS, as manager of the Town of Vienna, Mercury Payton is responsible for administering the operations of the local government on behalf the Vienna Town Council, overseeing more than 189 employees and an operating budget of more than \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Mercury Payton spearheaded the Town of Vienna's Liberty Amendments Month celebrations to commemorate the passage of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, which ensured full rights to all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, from Juneteenth to Liberty Amendments Day, a Town of Vienna holiday observed for the first time on July 19, 2021, more than 21,000 people attended dozens of educational and commemorative events organized by Mercury Payton; and

WHEREAS, by bringing attention to the seminal events that guaranteed equality and the protection of civil liberties for all citizens of the United States, Mercury Payton has fostered greater mutual respect and understanding in the community and helped to make the Town of Vienna a more wonderful place to call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mercury Payton for his extraordinary service to the Town of Vienna and for receiving a 2021 Top Local Government Influencers award from Engaging Local Government Leaders; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mercury Payton as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for his continued success.

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