HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

Commending Malcolm Rupert Cutler.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2022

WHEREAS, Malcolm Rupert Cutler is an acclaimed scholar, leader, author, and practitioner of environmental science, wildlife management, and natural resources conservation, among other professional fields; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler has served in an array of professional positions, including assistant professor at Michigan State University, senior vice president of National Audubon Society, managing editor of *National Wildlife* magazine; assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, and president and chief executive of Defenders of Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler's expertise led to his appointment as executive director of Virginia's Explore Park, a habitat conservation park, living history museum, and education center; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler has previously served as a member of the Roanoke City Council, and he offered his leadership and expertise to the Western Virginia Land Trust, Sons of the American Revolution, and countless other civic and benevolent organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler has proudly served the community as a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and served as president of the organization from 2002 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler's dedication to the history and heritage of western Virginia led to his role in the creation of the Colonel William C. Preston Memorial at Greenfield in Botetourt County; and

WHEREAS, Rupert Cutler expanded his service to Botetourt County as an active participant in Friends of Greenfield Preston Plantation and the Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, through personal contacts and energetic promotion, Rupert Cutler helped raise critical funds to support Historic Greenfield, and he elevated the visibility and image of the community through his professional renown; and

WHEREAS, admired for his optimism, leadership style, good humor, and forthcoming manner, Rupert Cutler was a reassuring and inspirational participant in Historic Greenfield's activities, helping create the collaborative atmosphere and productive ethos that is the hallmark of the Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, after more than a decade of volunteer service to Botetourt County, Rupert Cutler chose to reduce his activities and relinquish his membership in the Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Malcolm Rupert Cutler hereby be commended for his service to the Historic Greenfield community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Malcolm Rupert Cutler as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his civic leadership and contributions to the residents of Botetourt County.