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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

Offered January 20, 2022

Commending Lynwood Butner.

Patrons—Saslaw, Barker, Boysko, Cosgrove, Deeds, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Ruff and Spruill

WHEREAS, Lynwood Butner, a trusted authority on transportation and regulatory matters in the Commonwealth who held prominent positions in the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles and later assisted numerous businesses in his capacity as a consultant and legislative liaison, retired in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Butner's three decades of service with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) included roles as state traffic engineer, overseeing all traffic operations in the Commonwealth, and as legislative liaison, a position he held for more than 20 years; he would also serve as deputy commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the agency's lead legislative role; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from state government, Lynwood Butner held the position of vice president at an esteemed government relations and association management firm before ultimately founding Butner Consulting, which he led as president; and

WHEREAS, in his work as a consultant, Lynwood Butner served as executive director of numerous statewide businesses in several industries and employed his vast knowledge and expertise while working alongside local, state, and federal transportation agencies to facilitate the goals of both his clients and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, at the end of his noteworthy career, Lynwood Butner co-founded KVCF Solutions, LLC, a government relations subsidiary of the Richmond law firm Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank PLC, where he continued to advocate on behalf of the transportation industry, state employees, and law-enforcement sheriffs in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Butner's educational pursuits included a certificate in traffic engineering from Northwestern University in 1972, a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Richmond in 1975, and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Butner maintained various professional affiliations throughout his career, while his accomplishments were recognized through many honors and awards, including the DMV Commissioner's Award for Excellence and the VDOT Commissioner's Award for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Butner's decades of service on behalf of the Commonwealth and its citizens are only outshined by the unwavering optimism and selflessness that he brought to his work every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lynwood Butner, acclaimed transportation expert and legislative liaison, 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 Lynwood Butner as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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