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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 729

Offered June 13, 2022

*Commending Danny Schlitt.*

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WHEREAS, Danny Schlitt, director of the City of Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department, was honored by the Falls Church City Council for his 30 years of service to the City of Falls Church at an event on May 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating from Belmont Abbey College with a degree in recreation administration, Danny Schlitt joined the City of Falls Church as a part-time recreation leader in June 1990; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his dedication and professionalism, Danny Schlitt rose through the ranks over the years, being selected to supervise the city's youth and adult sports programs before being named deputy director and ultimately director of the City of Falls Church Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Danny Schlitt was recognized as the Falls Church City Employee of the Year in 1998 for his invaluable and impressive accomplishments in the community and for his able and effective supervision and management of the city's youth and adult sports programs; and

WHEREAS, to advance his skills in the workplace, Danny Schlitt completed programs at North Carolina State University and the Oglebay School of Sports Management and received his certified public manager certificate through a program hosted by the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, Danny Schlitt has fostered a positive, community-minded culture at the City of Falls Church Parks and Recreation Department, focusing on ensuring excellent customer service and a healthy and collaborative workplace environment in which his staff can thrive; and

WHEREAS, as both the supervisor for youth and adult sports and as a coach, Danny Schlitt has helped thousands of young players grow and improve their skills and abilities, always while emphasizing the importance of having fun; and

WHEREAS, over his 11 years as director of the Recreation and Parks Department, Danny Schlitt has facilitated several park improvements that have added value to Falls Church and increased the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Danny Schlitt's legacy includes new playgrounds at Lincoln Park and Cherry Hill Park, a new synthetic turf field at Larry Graves Park, and major enhancements at West End Park, Howard E. Herman Stream Valley Park, and Big Chimneys Park; and

WHEREAS, whether facilitating games at the employee picnic, leading a construction meeting for a park improvement, or communicating changes to a city parade lineup, Danny Schlitt is always ready and willing to serve and sets a great example for his staff at the Recreation and Parks Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Danny Schlitt, director of the City of Falls Church Parks and Recreation Department, hereby be commended for his 30 years of service to the City of Falls Church; and, be it

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

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