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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 363

Offered February 17, 2023

*Commending Jerry Michael Schiro.*

Patrons—Obenshain; Delegate: Gilbert

WHEREAS, Jerry Michael Schiro, an esteemed local government administrator and former law-enforcement officer who served the Town of Luray for a combined 30 years as an employee and later on the town council, retired from the council in December 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Schiro joined the Luray Police Department in September 1973 and became chief of police three years later, overseeing the town's public safety while also developing community policing programs and updating department policies and procedures to ensure best practices; and

WHEREAS, as an instructor at the regional police academy and as chair of the board of directors of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, Jerry Schiro contributed greatly to the education and mentorship of new recruits; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Schiro next served Luray as town manager and director of public safety from 1985 to 1988, embracing new responsibilities in his role as the town's chief administrative officer; he would later reprise his role as town manager of Luray from 2004 to 2007 and also serve the residents of Luray in his capacity as county administrator of Page County from 2003 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career as a local government administrator and consultant, Jerry Schiro provided leadership and expertise to several other municipalities in the Commonwealth and Maryland, including Purcellville; Chevy Chase Village in Chevy Chase, Maryland; Middleburg; Hyattsville, Maryland; and Haymarket; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Schiro served on the Luray Town Council for a total of 12 years, first from July 2008 to June 2012, and then from July 2014 through December 2022, including a tenure as vice mayor from 2021 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Schiro's years of experience as a town councilmember and as a government employee and administrator made him a chief source for institutional knowledge on local governance in Luray and an integral part of the locality's growth and success in recent years; and

WHEREAS, at the Luray Town Council meeting on December 12, 2022, Jerry Schiro's colleagues expressed their appreciation for his service with a proclamation recognizing his dedication and commitment to the community of Luray; and

WHEREAS, the incalculable investments of time and energy that Jerry Schiro has made to support the betterment of Luray and other localities over the past half-century serve as inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jerry Michael Schiro on the occasion of his retirement from the Luray Town Council; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jerry Michael Schiro as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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