

2023 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 373

Commending Robert L. Easter.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2023
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Robert L. Easter, an architect, advocate, educator, servant, and leader, who has demonstrated an enduring commitment to advancing those individuals who have traditionally been underrepresented in the profession of architecture, recently received the American Institute of Architects' Whitney M. Young Jr. Award; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter has insisted that lesser-heard voices be regarded and respected and has passionately and actively promoted inclusion, diversity, and equity across the profession of architecture; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter has embodied the values of the citizen architect through his efforts as a professor and chair within the Hampton University Department of Architecture; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter has further embodied the values of the citizen architect through his service as an associate minister, pastor, and director of a jail and prison ministry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter has provided distinguished leadership as President of both AIA Virginia and the National Organization of Minority Architects; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter's leadership has been recognized and celebrated through his having received a citation for leadership in architecture from Hampton University; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter's cumulative contributions have been recognized by the American Institute of Architects through his promotion to the organization's College of Fellows; and

WHEREAS, Robert Easter's contributions have been most recently recognized by his having received AIA's Whitney M. Young Jr. Award, an award named in the memory of civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Jr., who challenged the architectural profession to pursue progressive values in architecture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert L. Easter on the occasion of his receiving the American Institute of Architects' Whitney M. Young Jr. Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert L. Easter as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes for his future success.

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