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Agenda item # New Business

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 21, 2011

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Keen Seconded By: Mr. Bowie Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Commending Gerald P. McCarthy

WHEREAS, Gerald P. McCarthy was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Commonwealth Transportation Board by Governor Mark Warner in July of 2002, and subsequently reappointed to full-four year terms by Governor Warner in 2003 and Governor Tim Kaine in 2007; and

WHEREAS, prior to representing the Richmond District, he compiled a record of dedicated and innovative service as a steward of the environment in state government, including serving on the Governor's Council on the Environment, where Governor Linwood Holton named him Executive Director in 1970; the successor body to the Governor's Council, the Council on the Environment, where he served as Chairman and Director; and the Virginia Environmental Endowment, where he still serves as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, his experience taught him the value of effective communication in bringing together disparate points of view to reach mutually beneficial consensus for the good of the Commonwealth as a whole, which he further promoted by spearheading creation of the University of Virginia's Institute for Environmental Negotiation, to facilitate the wider use of conflict resolution tools; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, he was an effective and thoughtful advocate for ways to spend taxpayer dollars more effectively, deliver environmentally-conscious projects on time and on budget, and identify critical improvement projects locally and statewide to enhance economic development; and

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WHEREAS, his efforts were recognized by the Institute for Environmental Negotiation, which made him the first recipient of the Gerald P. McCarthy Award for Leadership in Environmental Conflict Resolution, in recognition of his many contributions to the well-being of Virginia's environment, including bringing environmental mediation to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his efforts, Virginia can continue to enjoy its position as a pioneer in developing and implementing effective solutions to improve the environment while preserving economic opportunities for its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board extends its warmest regards and gratitude to Gerald P. McCarthy for his dedication and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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