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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # New Business

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 16, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Whitworth Seconded By: Mr. Williams

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Resolution Recognizing Henry “Hap” Connors

WHEREAS Henry L. “Hap” Connors, Jr. served on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) from 2014 to 2018, having been appointed to serve on the Board by Governor Terry McAuliffe, and subsequently reappointed by Governor Ralph Northam, and having served as a member representing the Fredericksburg Construction District; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Connors’ service on the Board was distinguished by his commitment to advancing the use of technology in all facets of transportation in the Commonwealth; and his focus on providing access to data and information that would enhance safe and seamless navigation of state highways and rail systems;

WHEREAS, prior to his Board service, Mr. Connors served on the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors from 2003 to 2011, during which time he also represented the county as a member of the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, and served as the committee’s chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Connors frequently sought input from community members and business and civic groups in the Fredericksburg area, Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to understand their unique transportation needs and perspectives, and attended numerous public hearings and meetings on projects in his district; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Connors served as an advocate for unlocking gridlock in the Interstate 95 corridor, and worked to advance more than \$1 billion in Interstate 95 highway and rail corridor improvements that will keep people and commerce moving to drive our state economy forward;

WHEREAS, Mr. Connors brought to the Board an extensive background in marketing and communications, including his work as vice president for government and public affairs for the Center for Innovative Technology, as well as his work in communications for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the U.S. General Services Administration.

WHEREAS, Mr. Connors, in fulfilling his duties with this Board, and as chair of the Innovation and Technology Subcommittee, has demonstrated leadership, dedication, a clear vision for innovation in transportation, forthrightness and commitment, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the staff at the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Connors for his years of service to the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the current Board extend to Mr. Connors their highest commendation and appreciation for his years of outstanding service on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth as a member of the Board and express their best wishes to him.

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