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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

Made By: Ms. Hynes **Seconded By:** Mr. Merrill
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Commending Cedric Bernard Rucker

WHEREAS, Cedric Bernard Rucker served as a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board representing the Fredericksburg District from 2019 to 2022, having been appointed by Governor Ralph Northam to serve an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rucker brought to his tenure on the Board a dedicated record of leadership and public service in academia, after having graduated from Mary Washington College as the first African-American male student to live on campus while completing all four years of his education there and receiving a degree; and

WHEREAS, after attending graduate school and working in the admissions department at the University of Virginia, Mr. Rucker returned to Mary Washington College where he first served as the Associate Dean of Student Activities for ten years and then as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life for 23 years, all the while serving on as many as 50 ad hoc and ongoing committees; and

WHEREAS, among his many recognitions, in 2016, Mr. Rucker was named a Living Legacy by Richmond Public Schools, and in 2022, the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors renamed the campus university center as the Cedric Rucker University Center in recognition of his significant contributions to student life at the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rucker has also served the Commonwealth, by virtue of his appointments to the Virginia Board of Medicine and the House Ethics Advisory Panel, and has

served his community, dedicating countless hours to various charitable causes, committees and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rucker will soon be retiring from the University of Mary Washington, and rather than choosing to lead a life of leisure, he will instead be joining the Peace Corps, continuing his life of public service and making his contribution to society on a global level; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Mr. Rucker diligently and tirelessly served as a member, both in his representation of the Fredericksburg District and also in other significant roles, namely, as member of the Innovation Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling his duties as a member of this Board, his leadership, commitment and insight have earned Mr. Rucker the admiration and respect of his colleagues and the staff at the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Rucker for his years of service to this Board and to the Commonwealth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the members of this Board hereby extend to Cedric Bernard Rucker their highest commendation and gratitude for his years of outstanding service on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth and convey their best wishes to him in all his future endeavors, wherever on this Earth they make take him.

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