

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

*Commending Dale Rumberger.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger, an esteemed leader in southeastern Fairfax County for many years, recently concluded his tenure as president of the South County Federation; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger served a distinguished career as an educator and administrator in Fairfax County Public Schools, earning him recognition with *The Washington Post* Distinguished Leader award for the 2006-07 school year and the Fairfax County Public Schools Principal of the Year award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, today, the Dale S. Rumberger Performing Arts Center at South County High School bears his name, a fitting tribute to a man that devoted his life to the ambitions and dreams of Fairfax County's youth; and

WHEREAS, the South County Federation is a nonprofit organization formerly known as the Federation of Lorton Communities, that is dedicated to representing the interests of the residents living in southeastern Fairfax County, an area bounded on the south by the Occoquan River, on the north by Fort Belvoir, the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways, on the east by the Potomac River, and on the west by Lee Chapel Road; and

WHEREAS, the South County Federation represents 38 homeowners, civic, and citizens associations, with thousands of residents with diverse interests and desires; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger gave generously and tirelessly of his time the last six years to his community as president of the South County Federation; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger guided the South County Federation's efforts to facilitate the regular exchange of views and information on various matters of interest to its members, to cooperate with and promote activities relating to the common interests of other citizens' associations, and to review land use applications and provide recommendations to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger ensured input from the South County Federation was incorporated into consequential projects affecting the community, such as the Lorton Community Center and Lorton Library, the new fire stations on Armistead Road and Gunston Road, a new police station and animal shelter, and the new Laurel Green Park, while serving on the Lorton Visioning Taskforce and monitoring and guiding the closure of a commercial landfill to become a public park; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger served on the Lorton Visioning Taskforce, which worked with Fairfax County staff to guide the vision of Lorton's future, including engaging with citizens to understand their interests and needs to develop recommended strategies to bring about their vision; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger is the best advocate for South County, receiving the Lord Fairfax Award on June 6, 2017, for his efforts; and

WHEREAS, Dale Rumberger is renowned for his fearlessness, attention to detail, empathy, organization, and thoughtfulness; and

WHEREAS, the concept of retirement is lost on Dale Rumberger; although he cherishes time with his wonderful wife, Claudia, and their children and grandchildren, he continues to give back to the residents of southeast Fairfax County as the acting executive principal for Region 3, while providing expert advice on design and capacity projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Dale Rumberger, an active and beloved member of the Fairfax County community, hereby be commended as he concludes his term as president of the South County Federation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dale Rumberger as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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