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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 345

Offered March 3, 2022

Commending Walter Zadan.

Patrons—Mullin; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, Walter Zadan was distinguished by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as the organization's longest-serving Virginia oyster shell recycling volunteer in 2021; and

WHEREAS, while living in Pittsburgh in the 1960s, Walter Zadan advocated for environmental regulations to improve air quality as a leader of the Group Against Smog and Pollution; and

WHEREAS, Walter Zadan moved to Norfolk in the 1980s, where he first became aware of the diminishing oyster and striped bass populations in the area and how this affected the health of the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystem and the availability of local seafood; and

WHEREAS, Walter Zadan moved to Williamsburg in 1998 and began speaking publicly on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation shortly thereafter, promoting the organization's Save the Bay campaign at events across the Commonwealth and through regular newspaper editorials; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Walter Zadan has regularly gathered oyster shells from local restaurants to support the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's oyster restoration initiatives, showing no signs of slowing at 95 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Walter Zadan has collected more than 2.78 million oyster shells over the past 13 years, providing homes to approximately 27 million oysters in that time and making a great impact in the region's efforts to replenish the local oyster population; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts, Walter Zadan has helped to preserve the oyster population of the Chesapeake Bay, saving it for the enjoyment of many future generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Walter Zadan for the distinction of being named the longest serving volunteer of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Walter Zadan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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