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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 406

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Frank Fannon IV.

Patron—Bennett-Parker

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon IV, an active and engaged member of the Alexandria community, was inducted into the Living Legends of Alexandria Class of 2020 and will be honored with the award at an event in 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating with a degree in corporate communications from Elon College, Frank Fannon took a job at SunTrust Mortgage in the early 1990s, where he has helped an untold number of individuals and families achieve their homebuying dreams over the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon served many years on the board of Agenda: Alexandria, an organization that provides a nonpartisan forum for citizens to discuss an array of issues affecting the local community; and

WHEREAS, through his involvement on the board of the Friendship Firehouse, Frank Fannon facilitated the efforts of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association to preserve the historic firehouse on Alfred Street, while supporting the Alexandria Fire Department and the provision of scholarships and other philanthropic services to the community; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the City of Alexandria's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Frank Fannon has brought his years of experience as both a resident of and volunteer in Alexandria to bear in making the city a more accommodating place for individuals and families at all income levels; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon's deep ties to the Alexandria community are also evidenced by his continuing involvement with the Alexandria Sportsman's Club, the Old Dominion Boat Club, the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Volunteer Alexandria, the Alexandria Library board, and the United Way of the National Capital Area board; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon was elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2009 and served until 2012, working tirelessly to represent the citizens of Alexandria and to advocate on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, a former chairman of the annual fundraising drive and dinner for the Boys and Girls Club of Alexandria, Frank Fannon also established "Alexandrians Have Heart" in 2009, an annual food and clothing drive that collects donations for Christ House, ALIVE! Food Program, and Carpenter's Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon has also fostered a greater sense of community in Alexandria as the majority owner of the Alexandria Aces collegiate summer baseball team, an affiliate of Major League Baseball and a member of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, whose games provide the perfect place for individuals and families to gather in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, Frank Fannon's many accomplishments are the result of his hard work and dedication and his unwavering commitment to Alexandria and its residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Frank Fannon IV for being named a 2020 Living Legend of Alexandria; and, be it

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

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