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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 437

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Kris C. Tierney.

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WHEREAS, Kris C. Tierney, esteemed county administrator of Frederick County, has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2021, on the 35th anniversary of the commencement of his career in local government; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney began his career having earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Brockport and his master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney has served in multiple key positions in Frederick County's administration as he continued to take on roles with increasing responsibility including zoning administrator, deputy director of planning, director of planning, assistant county administrator, deputy county administrator, and finally county administrator; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Kris Tierney participated in numerous preservation initiatives, including the drafting of Frederick County's Rural Preservation subdivision regulations, the creation of the Conservation Easement Authority and program, public engagement efforts and preparation of Frederick County's battlefield protection plans, and the acquisition of numerous American Battlefield Protection Program and U.S. Land and Water Conservation Fund grants to assist with the purchase of portions of the Cedar Creek, Kernstown, and Third Winchester battlefields; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney received an appointment to serve as a founding member of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield National Historic District Commission, where he chaired the planning committee that developed the management plan for the historic district; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney later received a second appointment from the United States Secretary of the Interior to serve on the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historic Park Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney also coordinated the creation of the Lake Holiday Sanitary District, including bond financing through the Virginia Resources Authority to fund reconstruction of the Lake Holiday dam spillway, as well as the purchase of Sunnyside Plaza for future use by Frederick County; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney has exercised extraordinary leadership and stewardship during his employment and has contributed unselfishly to the wellbeing of the community by serving on countless boards and committees, such as the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, the Virginia Chapter of American Planning Association Board of Directors, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia Local Government Managers Association (VLGMA), where he served on the Executive Committee from 2007-09 and 2016-18; and

WHEREAS, Kris Tierney was awarded VLGMA's Marcia Mashaw Outstanding Assistant Award in 2008, illustrating that his knowledge and guidance over the years have greatly benefitted the citizens and employees of Frederick County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kris C. Tierney for his years of outstanding service on behalf of the citizens of Frederick County on the occasion of his retirement as county administrator of Frederick County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kris C. Tierney, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his years of outstanding service and best wishes to him in all his future endeavors.

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