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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Commending Michael E. Karmis.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2022

WHEREAS, after more than 20 years of exceptional service to the Commonwealth, Michael E. Karmis retired as the director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research was created on March 30, 1977, as an interdisciplinary study, research, information, and resource facility of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; since becoming director in 1998, Michael Karmis has helped the center support the university's mission to provide high-quality instruction and opportunities for research and extension; and

WHEREAS, Michael Karmis's indefatigable efforts to identify funding sources and initiatives, to develop partnerships with other universities, to establish relationships with government agencies, and to create consortia that include diverse profit and non-profit organizations and represent broad constituencies, have resulted in unprecedented growth in research funding and sponsored contracts for the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Michael Karmis, the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research has provided support for undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral associates, staff, and administrative, research, and teaching faculty; the center has also created mentorship and research opportunities for numerous students and junior faculty, enabling them to become successful professionals in the fields of mineral extraction, health and safety, sustainable development, and carbon management; and

WHEREAS, Michael Karmis has contributed to the environmental and economic well-being of the Commonwealth and the Appalachian region, both personally and through the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, by providing unbiased information to businesses, legislators, federal, state, and local agencies, and the general public; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Michael E. Karmis hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael E. Karmis as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his outstanding contributions to higher education and the energy profession.