

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 765

Offered June 27, 2024

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3 *Commending Evan Hoffmann.*
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9 WHEREAS, after more than 30 years of involvement with Herndon's NextStop Theatre, including 12
10 years of visionary leadership, Evan Hoffmann announced his retirement as the Producing Artistic Director of
11 the theatre company in 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Herndon, Evan Hoffmann joined NextStop Theatre when it was still an all-
13 volunteer community theatre company known as the Elden Street Players and led efforts to rebrand and
14 restructure the organization after he was appointed as Producing Artistic Director in 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, under Evan Hoffmann's leadership, NextStop Theatre became the only professional theatre
16 company serving Western Fairfax County and Loudoun County and produced more than 80 full-scale
17 productions, ranging from musicals and children's programs to adaptations of Shakespeare and other dramas;
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19 WHEREAS, during Evan Hoffmann's tenure as Producing Artistic Director, NextStop Theatre served
20 more than 100,000 patrons and employed more than 1,000 artists, technicians, designers, directors, teachers,
21 artisans, and arts administrators; and

22 WHEREAS, Evan Hoffmann also oversaw the creation of NextStop Theatre's education initiatives, which
23 have inspired and entertained thousands of local young people through summer camps, workshops, touring
24 productions, master classes, and free shows produced for kids, by kids; and

25 WHEREAS, Evan Hoffmann's revolutionary programs and acclaimed productions earned NextStop
26 Theatre five prestigious Helen Hayes Awards and a total of 27 nominations; and

27 WHEREAS, although Evan Hoffmann's last day as the full-time Producing Artistic Director of NextStop
28 Theatre is July 5, 2024, he will continue working in a limited capacity to ensure that summer programming
29 proceeds without interruption and will direct the fall 2024 production of "The Shawshank Redemption"; now,
30 therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Evan Hoffmann hereby be commended on the occasion of
32 his retirement as Producing Artistic Director of NextStop Theatre; and, be it

33 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
34 presentation to Evan Hoffmann as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his legacy of
35 contributions to the performing arts and cultural life in Northern Virginia.

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