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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 635
Offered July 17, 2024

Commending Bill Freehling.

Patron—

WHEREAS, Bill Freehling, an accomplished civil servant and community leader, concluded his tenure as director of the Economic Development and Tourism Department of the City of Fredericksburg on June 21, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Freehling holds a bachelor's degree in history from Wake Forest University and a
10 master's degree in mass communications and media studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel
11 Hill; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Freehling served as a reporter for The Free Lance-Star for 10 years, where his business
13 reporting became an indispensable source of knowledge for all those concerned with the present and future of
14 Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, Bill Freehling joined the City of Fredericksburg in 2014 as assistant director of the Economic Development and Tourism Department and was promoted to director two years later; and

17 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Bill Freehling steered a number of significant initiatives and investments
18 that promoted local tourism and business development in Fredericksburg, including bringing the
19 Fredericksburg Nationals and their new stadium complex to the city and initiating the "Made in FredVA"
20 business plan competition and the InvestFXBG loan program for small businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts and steadfast dedication, Bill Freehling has bolstered the
22 prosperity and well-being of Fredericksburg for the benefit of its residents and visitors, earning the esteem
23 and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bill Freehling hereby be commended for his service as
25 director of the Economic Development and Tourism Department of the City of Fredericksburg; and, be it

26 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
27 Bill Freehling as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's high regard for his contributions to Fredericksburg
28 and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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