

24200483D

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 907

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Jeremy Preiss.

Patrons—Krizek and Bulova

WHEREAS, Jeremy Preiss, the first employee hired by the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority, provided exceptional leadership and played an instrumental role in the growth and development of the organization from January 2022 to March 2025; and

WHEREAS, before joining the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority (CCA), Jeremy Preiss served as international trade counsel for the United States Senate Finance Committee and worked as an executive attorney on ethics, compliance, and international business matters for more than 20 years for United Technologies and Raytheon Technologies; and

WHEREAS, as the acting head of the CCA, Jeremy Preiss oversaw the commencement of day-to-day operations and built an effective foundation for robust regulatory, policy, administrative, public health, educational, and data functions; and

WHEREAS, at the start of 2024, Jeremy Preiss led the CCA in assuming oversight of the Commonwealth's medical cannabis program, which serves roughly 105,000 patients, and he implemented reforms that enhanced the program's efficiency, responsiveness, and security; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Preiss oversaw the creation of a dedicated enforcement team that ensures medical cannabis industry rule compliance and a customer service team that handles hundreds of service requests per month, primarily from patients, and resolves the inquiries, on average, in a few hours; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Preiss administered a competitive process that identified a pharmaceutical processor to begin medical cannabis operations in Health Service Area 1, a part of the Commonwealth that has been without a medical cannabis operator since the program's inception; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Preiss designed and executed a multimedia safe driving campaign highlighting the dangers of cannabis-impaired driving that won four national awards for public service advertising and started to measurably alter people's perceptions about the risks of mixing cannabis consumption and driving; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Preiss guided the production of an extensive library of informational resources that schools, substance abuse and prevention groups, and other community organizations throughout the Commonwealth have used to educate students and other individuals on critical public health and safety aspects of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the CCA, Jeremy Preiss pursued a proactive outreach strategy, participating in more than 50 public events and town halls to engage with thousands of Virginians throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of Jeremy Preiss, the CCA has made the Commonwealth healthier, safer, and well positioned for continued growth and success in the cannabis and medical cannabis industries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jeremy Preiss hereby be commended for his outstanding service as acting head and chief officer of regulatory, policy, and external affairs for the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jeremy Preiss as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCED

HR907