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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 682**

Offered April 1, 2025

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WHEREAS, Barney Reiley, longtime chief executive officer of the Rappahannock Area YMCA in Stafford County, who has greatly served the Greater Fredericksburg community for more than 40 years, recently retired; and

WHEREAS, Barney Reiley began working part-time for the YMCA in 1980 while a student at what is today the University of Mary Washington, and remained with the organization after he began teaching at Colonial Beach High School and managing King George County Parks and Recreation's sports programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Barney Reiley took a full-time job at the Rappahannock Area YMCA, where he started by organizing sports and youth programs and special events, such as the Rappahannock River Run with James Monroe's Booster Club, the John Robbins Organ Donor Run, the Colonial Beach Triathlon, and the annual turkey trot; and

WHEREAS, Barney Reiley became chief executive officer of the Rappahannock YMCA in 1993 and led the organization for the next three decades, during which time its membership grew from 1,500 to 30,000 members and its budget from \$500,000 to \$17 million; and

WHEREAS, Barney Reiley spearheaded a number of fundraising efforts that supported major capital projects at the Massad Family YMCA in Stafford County, the Ron Rosner Family YMCA in Spotsylvania, the King George Family YMCA, and the Caroline Family YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Barney Reiley guided the YMCA's programming to meet the needs of the families it served, including extending summer camp hours for working parents, and was relentless in his efforts to ensure that these programs were inclusive and available to all; and

WHEREAS, through his work ethic, positive attitude, and unwavering commitment to the YMCA and its members, Barney Reiley has helped to make the Greater Fredericksburg area a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Barney Reiley hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Barney Reiley as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his legacy of promoting health and wellness in the Commonwealth and best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling retirement.