

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 765

Commending Evan Hoffmann.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 28, 2024

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

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

WHEREAS, under Evan Hoffmann's leadership, NextStop Theatre became the only professional theatre company serving Western Fairfax County and Loudoun County and produced more than 80 full-scale productions, ranging from musicals and children's programs to adaptations of Shakespeare and other dramas; and

WHEREAS, during Evan Hoffmann's tenure as Producing Artistic Director, NextStop Theatre served more than 100,000 patrons and employed more than 1,000 artists, technicians, designers, directors, teachers, artisans, and arts administrators; and

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

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

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

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

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

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