

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 635

Commending Bill Freehling.

Agreed to by the Senate, July 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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