

## **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**SUBJECT:** Commending the Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn on Her Departure from NVTC

WHEREAS: The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) serves as the voice of public transit in Northern Virginia, promoting the region's transit network through effective and efficient public transit and ridesharing programs to foster economic vitality in the region and the Commonwealth;

**WHEREAS:** The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn was appointed to NVTC in May 2020 and served on the Commission until February 2022;

WHEREAS: The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn is the first woman in the 400-year history of Virginia's Legislature to hold the position of Speaker of the House. She rose to this role after representing the 41st House District for a decade, making her the fastest person to ascend to the post. The 41st District includes parts of Fairfax, Fairfax Station, and West Springfield.

WHEREAS: The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn now serves as the House Democratic Leader and serves on the House Education Committee; the House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee; and the House Rules Committee.

**WHEREAS:** Leader Filler-Corn oversaw the House of Delegates during the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, passing critical legislation to keep Virginians safe and put the Commonwealth's economy on the path to a strong recovery.

WHEREAS: During the 2020 General Assembly Session, Speaker Filler-Corn patroned the landmark transportation bill (HB 1414) which modernized transportation funding and highway safety. The legislation:

- Ensured the Commonwealth's transportation fund remains solvent;
- Supported critical transit and infrastructure projects, including Metro;
- Increased funds for local transportation projects and improvements across the Commonwealth;
- Generated an expected \$30 Million in additional funds for Northern Virginia transportation improvement projects;
- Established the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, which will manage the Commonwealth's \$3.7 Billion Transforming Rail in Virginia Program over the next decade:
- Provided for a revitalization of Long Bridge, which connects Virginia to DC by rail, expanding passenger and freight capacity for VRE commuters and Virginia business;

- WHEREAS: During the 2021 General Assembly Session, Speaker Filler-Corn helped to pass budget amendments to fund the revenue gap in the Commonwealth's portion of the \$500 million annual commitment to the WMATA Capital program, support transit incentives focused on fare and congestion reduction programs and expand and improve passenger rail in Southwest Virginia.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hereby commends the Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn for her service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NVTC prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Leader Filler-Corn as an expression of its gratitude and in appreciation for her work on the Commission in promoting and funding public transit and ridesharing in Northern Virginia.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2022.

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