

MOTION:

September 12, 2006

Regular Meeting

SECOND:

Res. No. 06-

RE:

COMMEND – SEAN T. CONNAUGHTON – CHAIRMAN, PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Sean T. Connaughton graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1983, served on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard until 1986 and served as an officer in the Navy Reserves reaching the rank of Commander; and

WHEREAS, as a civil servant at Coast Guard Headquarters, Sean T. Connaughton graduated with a Masters degree from Georgetown University, followed by a law degree from George Mason University School of Law in 1992 and became a lawyer in private practice specializing in maritime and international law; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has appointed Sean T. Connaughton to the position of Administrator of the U. S. Maritime Administration in the Department of Transportation where he will serve as Admiral; and

WHEREAS, Sean T. Connaughton was elected to serve as Chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors in 2000 and has served the County of Prince William with distinction for seven years with outstanding leadership and dedication; and

WHEREAS, under Chairman Sean T. Connaughton's leadership, the County's reserve fund balances have raised and the County has been rewarded with two bond rating increases, including "AAA," placing our County in an elite group of less than one percent of local governments across the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Chairman Sean T. Connaughton's leadership, the County's transportation options have improved by the investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in local roads, by the increase in developer proffers to speed up transportation improvements; and the creation of a County Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, during Chairman Sean T. Connaughton's tenure, more than 150 Fire & Rescue positions and 130 sworn Police positions have been added; a new Western District Police Station constructed, the County's courthouse and jail expanded, and three new fire stations built - making Prince William County a safer community; and

WHEREAS, during Chairman Sean T. Connaughton's tenure, thousands of quality jobs were created and 11 million square feet of commercial space has been added, making Prince William County one of the nation's leaders in economic development with companies like Eli Lilly, AOL and General Dynamics calling Prince William home; and

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WHEREAS, Chairman Sean T. Connaughton led the Board in revising and strengthening the County's guiding documents, dramatically reducing the approval time of new residential units and focused development in the Potomac Communities – all of which led to the highest developer proffers in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chairman Sean T. Connaughton, the County now has a Historic Preservation program and a Neighborhood Services Division; and

WHEREAS, these goals were accomplished while lowering the property tax rate from the highest in the Commonwealth of Virginia to the lowest and expanding senior citizen tax-exemption programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby commend and thank Chairman Sean T. Connaughton for the pivotal role he has played in making Prince William County a premiere community and destination of choice in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors wishes him the best of luck as he takes on the new position of Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration in the Department of Transportation. May the road rise up to meet him. May the wind be always at his back. May sun shine warm upon his face. May the rain fall gently on his fields, and until we meet again, may God hold him in the palm of His hand.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

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Clerk to the Board