



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 09-12

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb  
Executive Director  
DATE: December 17, 2008

### TRIBUTE TO GERALD E. CONNOLLY

**WHEREAS**, as you complete your twelve years of service as a representative of Fairfax County, we take this opportunity to remember the many highlights of your tenure as a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission: January 24, 1996, through January 2, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, you have served the Commission in many ways: first as chairman of our Legislative Committee since fiscal year 1998; then as elected Treasurer in 2004; followed by two terms as Vice Chairman; and finally as Chairman beginning in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, under your leadership, the Commission initiated and administered significant regional programs for which it is known:

- hosting the first conference of U.S.-European regional metropolitan councils
- leading two NVRC delegations to Germany to exchange best practices with the Verband Region Stuttgart
- initiating a dialog with the Baltic countries of Latvia and Lithuania, but not Estonia
- expanding the Four Mile Run program to include stream restoration
- celebrating the Commission's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- annually administering the multi-million dollar Ryan White program for residents of Northern Virginia
- launching a study of regional water supply for Northern Virginia
- organizing a Northern Virginia emergency preparedness plan including fire, police, emergency managers and the hospitals
- identifying the Top 10 Northern Virginia regional issues
- planning and implementing the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- continuing the unique role of analysis and dissemination of Census information
- establishing the regional Fair Housing testing program
- spearheading the change in the Commission's structure to all elected officials
- promoting the Commission's new tag line: "One Voice For Northern Virginia"
- creating the Commission's new and improved website; and

**WHEREAS**, it was deemed more appropriate to present you with a resolution rather than a "small acrylic award"; and

**WHEREAS**, we will miss your wit, wisdom, leadership, and command of the chairman's gavel; and

**WHEREAS**, you have continued to maintain the high standards of Commission responsibility, with a devotion to duty and a spirit of sacrifice in keeping with the proud traditions of community service; and

**WHEREAS**, you should take great pride in the contributions you have made to intergovernmental cooperation in Northern Virginia, and we look forward to your continued leadership;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we extend to you best wishes for your success as a member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Northern Virginia.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission's Executive Committee on December 17, 2008.

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G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer