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BOARD MATTER

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Mr. Chairman, this past weekend I attended a wonderful chorale performance by the Northern Virginia Chorale at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The performance was directed by Robert S. Webb, Jr. I learned that this performance was Mr. Webb's last before retiring. Mr. Webb has spent decades providing quality music to audiences throughout Northern Virginia as the Director of The Northern Virginia Chorale for 41 years (since 1982) and Mr. Webb was also the Director of Music at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 35 years from 1986 to 2021. His contribution to music here in Fairfax County and Northern Virginia is immeasurable.

I have personally attended several of his chorale performances and have been so impressed with the quality of the performances. To think about all the joy and happiness he has shared through music is remarkable. Mr. Webb's musical accomplishments are too numerous to list in their entirety, but I would like to name just a few:

Under Mr. Webb's talented direction, he has fostered the Northern Virginia Chorale's musical relationships with English, French, and Italian choirs, with whom the Chorale has been associated through a series of exchange concerts and visits. Mr. Webb has directed the Chorale in several prestigious venues in Europe, including Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey and Covent Garden in England and the Basilica

of San Marco in Venice.

Mr. Webb is a retired and currently adjunct professor of music at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale campus, where he directed the NVCC Annandale Chorale and taught music theory, music appreciation and voice. He has also been an adjunct professor at George Mason University and at the Catholic University of America.

Mr. Webb has conducted many orchestras across the region and has played trumpet in numerous bands including the Virginia Grand Military Band, the Richmond Symphony and National Symphony.

Mr. Webb is a member of the National Association for Music Education, the Virginia Music Educators Association and the American Choral Directors Association.

Mr. Chairman and fellow board members, in honor of Robert Webb Jr's extraordinary musical accomplishments and over 40 years of musical contributions in Fairfax County, I move that a proclamation be prepared to be presented to Mr. Webb at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Supervisors.