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Suffolk City Council Honors Retired Council Member

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (January 20, 2011) Suffolk City Council Members repeated four words over and over again as they honored a retired colleague in Council Chambers on January 19, 2011. They all described Joseph H. Barlow as “*honest*”, “*fair*”, “*dedicated*” and having “*integrity*”. A Council resolution recognizing Mr. Barlow’s years of service to Suffolk was presented to him and his family.

Mr. Barlow retired from City Council on December 31, 2010. He was appointed to serve as council representative from the Chuckatuck Borough in 1998 and again in 2005. Mr. Barlow won election to the Council in May 2006. During his time on Council, he served on various commissions, including the Suffolk Planning Commission and the Western Tidewater Water Authority.

Mr. Barlow received many awards over the years for his community involvement. He was named Suffolk’s First Citizen of the Year, and served as President of the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and President of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Peanut Grower’s Association.

A six minute video tribute highlighting Mr. Barlow’s achievements was played in Council Chambers during the resolution ceremony. Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson said of Mr. Barlow’s contributions to Suffolk; “*He has molded what Suffolk is today. He will always be a huge part of Suffolk. He is the history and*

he is the present and I am sure he will continue to be the future, as well'.

Mr. Barlow was joined in Council Chambers by his wife Lynn, his children, and a host of other family members and friends. Mr. Barlow is a lifelong farmer who will continue to work the land he loves at the Cotton Plains Farm in Suffolk.

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