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Rust has been active in public life during his entire professional life. He was elected to the Herndon Town Council in 1971. He was elected Mayor of Herndon in 1976 and served until 1984 when he chose to not seek re-election. In 1990, he again chose to serve Herndon and was elected Mayor, a position he held until he resigned in December 2001 to serve in the Virginia General Assembly. Rust served in the House of Delegates from 2002 until January of 2016 when he retired after not seeking re-election. While in the House of Delegates, rust served on the Education Committee, the Science and Technology Committee, the Commerce and Labor Committee, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability and Chairman of the Joint Commission on Science and Technology. Rust has also served the public higher education community by serving on the Longwood College (now University) Board of Visitors from 1980 to 1988. He was Rector (Chairman) of the Board from 1981 to 1988. He also served on the Board of Visitors of Virginia Tech from 1996 to 2002 where he was the Vice Rector. The appointments to Boards of Visitors is by the Governor of Virginia.

Rust is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. A representative few of them include: a "Lifetime Service Award" from the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association; from George Mason University, the Albert Gallatin Infrastructure Leadership Award; the OPAL Lifetime Achievement in Government, from the American Society of Civil Engineers; from the Virginia Tech College of Engineering, the Distinguished Alumnus Award; Delegate of the Year on three separate occasions; the Tower of Dulles Award from the Committee for Dulles; the Dr. Sidney Steel Founders Award from the Dulles Area Transportation Association and he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Herndon Rotary Club.

Rust is a registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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