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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 284

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Commending the Virginia Pep Band.

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Patrons—Van Yahres, Abbitt, Albo, Alexander, Amundson, Bell, Hall, Howell, A.T., Hull, Ingram, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Kilgore, Landes, Marshall, D.W., Miles, Moran, O'Bannon, Petersen, Plum, Saxman, Scott, J.M., Shannon, Sickles, Ward, Ware, O. and Watts; Senators: Deeds, Devolites and Norment

WHEREAS, the Virginia Pep Band, the student pep band at the University of Virginia has served the University and the Commonwealth for 30 years, striving to entertain its wide-ranging audience with joyful music and good-natured humor; and

WHEREAS, this diverse group of dedicated students and members of the Charlottesville community have offered continued enthusiastic support to student athletics at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville and Albemarle County area has benefited from the Virginia Pep Band's performances at such events as the United Way Day of Caring, the Charlottesville 10-Miler, the Memory Walk, and the Charlottesville AIDS Walk; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Pep Band has illustrated the ideals of student self-governance held dear by the founder of the University, Thomas Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, the students in the Virginia Pep Band have tried not only to support the student-athletes at the University of Virginia but also to ensure that all students of the University are represented by a band as distinctive and original as the institution it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Pep Band has been a unique and valued tradition in the history of the University of Virginia and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Virginia Pep Band on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Pep Band as an expression of the congratulations and best wishes of the General Assembly.