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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 756

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Commending the Virginia Retail Merchants Association on the occasion of its centennial.

Patrons—O'Bannon, Baskerville, Cox, Hamilton, Hull, Ingram, Janis, Jones, D.C., Jones, S.C., Landes, Lingamfelter, Marrs, McDougle, Miles, Nixon, Oder, Reid, Scott, E.T. and Welch; Senators: Lambert, Marsh, Stosch and Watkins

WHEREAS, the year 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1905 the Virginia Retail Merchants Association formed to encourage, stimulate, extend, and promote the business of retail merchants in the Commonwealth and to promote the social, moral, and financial welfare of those engaged in the business of retail merchandising; and

WHEREAS, the association also committed to work towards abatement of trade abuses in the retail industry and any other injurious and un-businesslike practices; to secure the cooperation of consumers, retail merchants, and retail suppliers in producing a healthy condition of retail trade; and to secure the enactment of reasonable and proper laws to protect the consumer public and the retail and services trade; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Retail Merchants Association worked to encourage proper and businesslike methods in the conduct of business affairs and to advance by legitimate and fair means the interests of retail merchants and the free enterprise system; and

WHEREAS, later in 1905 the association formed the Lynchburg Retail Merchants Association; in 1906 the association drafted a charter to start the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond; in 1919 the association chartered the Danville Retail Merchants Association; and in 1956 the association formed Franklin County Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, in subsequent years, the association founded Retail Merchants Associations in South Boston, Charlottesville, and Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 the association formed the Virginia Retail Political Action Committee, otherwise known as VARPAC; and

WHEREAS, the association and its retail member associations represent more than 5,400 retailers and other associated businesses throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Retail Merchants Association has been the voice of the free enterprise system in Virginia for the last 100 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate the Virginia Retail Merchants Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and commend the association for its years of service to and for the retail community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the president of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration, appreciation, and best wishes.

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