

2006 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5133

Commending Dave Clark.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 28, 2006
Agreed to by the Senate, September 27, 2006

WHEREAS, Dave Clark of Danville, longtime district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, is recognized for his outstanding service to the youth and families of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clark attended Hampden-Sydney College and earned a bachelor's degree in English, but his love of nature and adventure attracted him to a career in the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clark first became a Boy Scout at the age of eight and he has been a dedicated participant and supporter of scouting ever since; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Dave Clark joined the staff of the Boy Scouts of America as a district executive for the Delmarva Peninsula, where he worked until accepting a promotion in 1978 as an administrative executive for the Dan River District; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clark has served 36 seasons as a summer camp organizer, including 14 seasons as the director of the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation located in Pulaski County; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clark is well-known and admired by his scouting colleagues and volunteers and by the countless young people he has mentored over the years; and

WHEREAS, an excellent leader and administrator, Dave Clark has diligently worked 60-80 hour weeks, as well as two months every year at summer camps, throughout his employment with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to the growth and popularity of scouting, Dave Clark has seen summer camp attendance increase from 1,289 campers in 1989 to more than 10,000 campers from 32 states in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dave Clark is retiring from his current position as field director of the Boy Scouts of America effective September 1, 2006, but he will continue to work at the summer Boy Scout camp; and

WHEREAS, a talented storyteller and amateur historian, Dave Clark will continue to volunteer at Explore Park, a living history complex near Roanoke, where he works as an actor/interpreter, demonstrating the skills and lifestyle of 18th-century settlers; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Dave Clark looks forward to opportunities to volunteer one-on-one with youth, which he has not been able to do for some time as a busy administrator, sharing his vast knowledge of the natural environment and his experience in hiking and rock climbing; and

WHEREAS, during his stellar career, Dave Clark has been an exemplary role model for countless young men and his numerous contributions to scouting will continue in the Boy Scout programs he has nurtured; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Dave Clark on his outstanding career with the Boy Scouts of America; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dave Clark as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement.

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