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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 519

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Commending Carlisle and Linda Bannister.

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WHEREAS, Carlisle and Linda Bannister, and their company, Culinary Connection, have tirelessly provided the outstanding food service that is well-known and appreciated at the Capitol in Richmond by the members of the General Assembly for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle and Linda Bannister both come from families with a rich culinary and food industry background; and Carlisle Bannister, Jr., is the third generation in the family to become enamored with the food service business; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle and Linda Bannister have operated the popular Chicken's Sandwich Shop, first in the Capitol and then in the basement of the Patrick Henry Building, and opened the ever-bustling General Assembly 6th Floor Cafeteria each year during Session to provide a wide assortment of fresh foods, desserts, and special menu items for the enjoyment of the legislative members, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Carlisle and Linda Bannister have also catered events for the General Assembly and other agencies, and no matter whether the function was big or small, simple or elaborate, they always did an exceptional job; and

WHEREAS, the Bannister family has been in business for 30 years, and their company, Culinary Connection, is one of the city's consummate food service companies with many corporate clients, as well as one of the most complete providers of catering services in the metropolitan Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly and their staffs will miss the great food provided by Carlisle and Linda Bannister, as well as their outstanding personal service and attention; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle and Linda Bannister look forward to spending more time with their family, especially with their seven wonderful grandchildren, and at the river at Windmill Point, and Captain Carlisle Bannister will greatly enjoy extra time at the helm of his charter fishing boat, the "Miss Linda," and extended winter fishing trips for big rockfish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Carlisle and Linda Bannister for their longtime and outstanding service to the General Assembly; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Carlisle and Linda Bannister, as well as their son Carlisle, Jr., and their dedicated employees, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of their service and friendship and best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement.

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