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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 922

Offered February 17, 2011

Commending Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W., Armstrong, Merricks and Poindexter; Senator: Stanley

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., of Danville was one of 35 MillerCoors distributorships selected from 827 nationwide to receive the prestigious MillerCoors President's Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the MillerCoors President's Award, presented annually at the MillerCoors Distributor Convention, recognizes excellence in sales, package placement, display placement, promotion, and merchandising; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., a family owned and operated business, started in 1954 when Billy B. Lawrence purchased Green Distributing Company and changed its name; and

WHEREAS, as a beer wholesaler, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., began as a one-man company that delivered products to local restaurants, convenience stores, and supermarkets; and

WHEREAS, as Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., grew over the years, Billy Lawrence opened a larger facility in Danville, added wine sales in 1962, built a new office and warehouse in 1972, and added soft drinks, water, and additional beer and wine lines in the 1980s and 1990s; and

WHEREAS, today, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., has its main office in Danville and a satellite office in South Hill, employs 60 people, and covers Pittsylvania, Henry, Halifax, Patrick, Franklin, Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Brunswick, Lunenburg, and Greensville Counties; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., remains a family affair with now 79-year-old Billy Lawrence continuing to run the company with his daughter Linda and her husband, Barry Dalton; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawrence's wife, Dovie, is a member of the board of directors while grandson Will works part-time when not attending college; and

WHEREAS, an admired business and civic leader, Billy Lawrence was honored in 2003 with a National Beer Wholesalers Association Life Service Award and an Enduring Enterprise Award from the Danville & Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., prides itself on hiring quality people, using quality products, and delivering quality service, a winning formula that has earned the company numerous quality assurance awards from MillerCoors and in 2010, the prestigious President's Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., on its receipt of the prestigious MillerCoors President's Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Billy B. Lawrence, president of Lawrence Distributing Co., Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his successful business practices.

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