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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 494

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Commending Annin Flagmakers.

Patrons—Edmunds; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Annin Flagmakers, the oldest and largest flag manufacturer in the United States, with a 180,000-square-foot factory and distribution center in South Boston, celebrates its 165th anniversary in 2012; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1847, Annin flags have played a pivotal role in American history, from draping the casket of President Lincoln to being raised on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima to being planted on the moon by astronaut Buzz Aldrin; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Annin Flagmakers opened its South Boston factory and distribution center and today employs nearly 200 workers who produce a variety of flags; and

WHEREAS, the South Boston factory manufactures flags for countries around the world, American flags, state flags, flags for branches of the military, made-to-order flags, and a host of other specialty flags; and

WHEREAS, a vital part of the Southside economy, Annin Flagmakers provides stable jobs in an area of the Commonwealth that has lost several leading employers in recent years; and

WHEREAS, employees of Annin Flagmakers in South Boston take particular pride in producing American flags and military flags, knowing that their handiwork serves as a source of inspiration to countless Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Annin Flagmakers for its role in American history on the occasion of its 165th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Annin Flagmakers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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