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Commending the Richmond Free Press.

Patrons—Carr, Alexander, BaCote, Dance, Ingram, James, Joannou, Loupassi, McClellan, McQuinn, Morrissey, Spruill, Tyler and Ward; Senators: Locke, Lucas, Marsh, McEachin, Miller, Y.B., and Watkins

WHEREAS, for 20 years, the *Richmond Free Press*, under the leadership of founder, editor, and publisher Raymond H. Boone, has provided its readers with news stories and informed opinion to motivate enlightened action on issues that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Boone, a former White House reporter and Pulitzer Prize juror who earned a first-place Virginia Press Association editorial writing award and was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame, founded the *Richmond Free Press* in 1992; and

WHEREAS, as the former editor and vice president of the Baltimore-based Afro-American Newspaper Group, Raymond Boone brought a wealth of editorial and executive leadership experience to his new endeavor as well as a continued commitment to advocating for human rights; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Raymond Boone has guided the weekly *Richmond Free Press* as its stories have reached an ever-increasing readership and resulted in significant and positive changes in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the *Richmond Free Press*, staffed by a team of dedicated professionals, has won numerous awards from a variety of associations for its outstanding community service and commitment to journalistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, on its 20th anniversary, the *Richmond Free Press* continues to play a pivotal role in the Richmond community under the leadership of Raymond H. Boone; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the *Richmond Free Press* on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Raymond H. Boone, founder, editor, and publisher of the *Richmond Free Press*, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and respect for the paper's continued success.

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