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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 568

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Commending Philip Watlington.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Merricks

WHEREAS, Philip Watlington, whose familiar voice has reached countless listeners over the airwaves and at community events throughout Southside Virginia, celebrated 50 years of broadcasting in 2012; and

WHEREAS, in July 1962, Philip "Phil" Watlington began his career with Piedmont Broadcasting Corporation and WBTM-AM radio; he later played an instrumental role in the establishment of its sister station, WAKG-FM; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Piedmont Broadcasting Corporation, Phil Watlington served in various positions, including as an on-air personality, production director, public service director, news announcer, and program director; and

WHEREAS, Phil Watlington has seen many changes in the broadcasting industry, both in technology and in popular styles of music; and

WHEREAS, Phil Watlington has provided countless hours of listening enjoyment to fans across Southside Virginia, most recently as producer and host of "Sunday Swing Shift," the popular swing-style music program; and

WHEREAS, an important member of the local community, Phil Watlington has emceed Fourth of July celebrations, produced public service announcements, and taken part in Averett University stage productions; and

WHEREAS, a classical music expert and collector, Phil Watlington has also served as the "voice" of the Danville Symphony Orchestra for the past decade, narrating and announcing at concerts; and

WHEREAS, Phil Watlington has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to excellence in broadcasting and dedication to the community throughout his 50-year career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Philip Watlington on the occasion of his golden anniversary in broadcasting; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Philip Watlington as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his contributions to broadcasting and Southside Virginia.

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