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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 955

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Commending Williamsburg Regional Library.

Patrons—Watson; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Williamsburg Regional Library received a four-star rating from *Library Journal* for the second year in a row, making it the highest-ranked library in the Commonwealth in 2012; and

WHEREAS, *Library Journal* has evaluated libraries throughout the country for the past five years and bases its ratings on per capita circulation, visits, program attendance, and public computer use; Williamsburg Regional Library has been rated highly all five times; and

WHEREAS, Williamsburg Regional Library offers easy access to a variety of materials, services, and programs and works extensively in the community through outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, with support from the local government, the knowledgeable, talented, and caring staff members of Williamsburg Regional Library succeed in their mission to promote, preserve, and provide access to knowledge; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Williamsburg Regional Library was one of 33 finalists for the National Medal for Museum and Library Services, an award presented to libraries and museums that display exceptional support for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Museum and Library Services will present the award, the highest honor for libraries or museums in the country, to 10 of the finalists at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.; this is the first time that Williamsburg Regional Library has been nominated for the award; and

WHEREAS, already an award-winning library, Williamsburg Regional Library has received the Louis Shores Award from the American Library Association and the SLJ/Thomson Gale Giant Step Award; the library has also proudly hosted a May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Williamsburg Regional Library on receiving a four-star rating from *Library Journal* in 2012; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Williamsburg Regional Library as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the library's success and service to the community.

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