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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 127

Offered January 13, 2014

Commending Hugh Bailyn Jones.

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WHEREAS, Hugh Bailyn Jones, a Norfolk native, graduated from Huguenot High School in Richmond and attended Virginia Commonwealth University, where he majored in mass communications with a specialization in public relations; and

WHEREAS, in his senior year of high school, he began his seven-year employment with the United States Department of Agriculture, while working to become a photographer; and

WHEREAS, during his youth, at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond, his home away from home, Hugh Bailyn Jones found enjoyment in the many activities, programs, and mentorship offered by the Club in his West End neighborhood, where he developed a love for photography; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered to teach a photography class at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond and later was hired full-time by the Club; and

WHEREAS, after being employed with the Club for 17 years, Hugh Bailyn Jones was named "Employee of the Year" and currently serves as the executive director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond in Church Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Club's mission "to empower young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances to succeed in life," is based upon five core program areas: "character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation"; and

WHEREAS, the Club's mission is consistent with the personal goals of Hugh Bailyn Jones, a caring and loving husband and father who has lavished kindness, care, compassion, and love upon many thousands of young people during his involvement with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Bailyn Jones' youthful years parallel in many ways the lives of the youth at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond, prompting his compassion and investment in a positive outcome for their lives; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Bailyn Jones' faith is his ultimate source of strength in executing his many responsibilities and working with youth; he is an Elder at Mount Olivet Church and LIFE Church and has served with Manna Christian Fellowship and Hosanna Victory Church as the church's youth pastor; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Bailyn Jones views teaching young people photography and desktop publishing as a ministry, and he has also partnered with Richmond Hill to impact the Church Hill community with "Summer Camp on the Hill," in which Richmond's West End and East End churches collaborate to build relationships through missions outreach and provide several weeks of recreation and fun to inner-city children; and

WHEREAS, the creative programs for youth development, learning opportunities, mentorship, and community outreach supported by Hugh Bailyn Jones for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond are commendable and noteworthy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hugh Bailyn Jones, executive director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hugh Bailyn Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his contributions to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Richmond and his devotion to the well-being of young people in the Commonwealth.

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