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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 214

Offered January 27, 2014

Commending Garland W. Baird.

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WHEREAS, Garland W. Baird, the president of Baird Pulpwood and Timber Sales, Inc., in Brodnax and a longtime member of the Brodnax Town Council, has dedicated his life to serving the citizens of Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Fork Union Military Academy in 1954, Garland Baird and his father, George, opened a small retail store in Brodnax; and

WHEREAS, with 25 years of small business experience, Garland Baird started Baird Pulpwood and Timber Sales, Inc., serving the cattle, timber, and tree-farming sectors of the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Baird Pulpwood and Timber Sales, Inc., was presented the Virginia Department of Forestry's Outstanding Tree-Farming Award; and

WHEREAS, an active member in the community, Garland Baird served on the Brodnax Town Council for 28 years, as the director of First Virginia Banks-Colonial, Inc. (formerly Citizens Bank, Inc., and First Virginia Banks, Inc.), for 13 years until 1995, and as the mayor of Brodnax for 17 years until December 2013; and

WHEREAS, currently, Garland Baird is a representative on the board of directors for the Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional Airport Commission, the Lake Country Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, the Southside Planning District Commission Board, and the foundation board of Community Memorial Healthcenter; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Garland Baird is a member of the Brodnax United Methodist Church, where he is the chairman of both the administrative council and the finance committee, and is also a trustee; and

WHEREAS, reflected by his enduring commitment to the betterment of the community, Garland Baird takes pride in having the privilege to know and represent the people of Brunswick County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend a dedicated public servant and businessman, Garland W. Baird; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Garland W. Baird as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his many years of service to Brunswick County.