## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 214**

Commending Garland W. Baird.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2014

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.