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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 217

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Commending Vince Gilligan.

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WHEREAS, Vince Gilligan, an acclaimed writer, director, and producer from the Richmond area, has left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of the Commonwealth and the nation through his achievements in television and film; and

WHEREAS, raised in Farmville and Chesterfield County, Vince Gilligan showed a talent for filmmaking at an early age; using a set of borrowed Super 8 cameras, he and a friend filmed science-fiction movies, one of which earned him first place in a film competition at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, already possessing a creative and vivid imagination, Vince Gilligan developed an appreciation for classic cinema and pursued a career in the arts, earning a scholarship to attend the renowned Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from eighth grade at the center, Vince Gilligan returned to the Commonwealth and graduated from Lloyd C. Bird High School in 1985; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from New York University; and

WHEREAS, while attending New York University, Vince Gilligan penned a screenplay for a film class, for which he won the Virginia Governor's Screenwriting Award in 1989; the screenplay was produced as the film *Home Fries* in 1998; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling one of his dreams, Vince Gilligan joined the Fox science-fiction drama series *The X-Files* as a writer in 1995; contributing to the show's considerable success, he wrote almost 30 episodes and served as a co-executive producer, executive producer, co-producer, or supervising producer on dozens of episodes; and

WHEREAS, Vince Gilligan was also a co-creator and producer of the well-reviewed spinoff series of *The X-Files*, *The Lone Gunmen*, which ran for one season in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Vince Gilligan is best known for creating, writing, and directing the AMC Network series *Breaking Bad*; becoming one of the most-watched and highest-rated shows in the country, *Breaking Bad* has been recognized as one of the best television series of all time; and

WHEREAS, the cast and crew of *Breaking Bad* have earned 10 Primetime Emmy Awards for their outstanding work; on September 22, 2013, one week before the show's thrilling series finale, Vince Gilligan accepted the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Vince Gilligan for his exceptional cultural contributions in the Commonwealth and the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vince Gilligan as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his creativity, drive, and dedication to his art.

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