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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 338

Offered February 19, 2014

Commending RockTenn West Point Mill.

Patrons—Hodges and Peace; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, RockTenn West Point Mill, the West Point location of one of the country's largest producers of consumer packaging, celebrates a "Century of Success" in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the West Point Mill began operations on May 16, 1914, as part of what was then known as the Chesapeake Corporation; today, the mill produces white top linerboard and recycled medium to create corrugated containerboard, which is used for boxes and other types of packaging; and

WHEREAS, West Point Mill's Paper Machine 1 began operating on March 1, 1930; the machine originally produced kraft paper, the brown paper associated with shipping boxes, and has since been converted to a recycled fiber single-ply corrugating medium machine; and

WHEREAS, West Point Mill began operating Paper Machine 2 in 1964 and Paper Machine 3 in 1985; Paper Machine 3, a three-ply, four-wire configuration, was the first of its kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, after being acquired by RockTenn in 2011, the West Point Mill underwent many improvements; in 2012, RockTenn completed a project to allow the West Point Mill to use natural gas to generate steam to power operations, which has saved the mill over \$18 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the 500 employees of West Point Mill are committed to safety, quality, timely delivery, environmental stewardship, reliability, and organizational effectiveness; fostering a culture of open communication, the general manager and the members of the steering team attend monthly meetings with employees; and

WHEREAS, the West Point Mill has been an integral part of the community over the past 100 years, employing generations of families throughout its existence; and

WHEREAS, West Point Mill employees work to better the community and help others, donating and volunteering at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, food drives, children's clothing and toy drives, and a drive to support two local animal shelters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend RockTenn West Point Mill on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to RockTenn West Point Mill as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the mill's storied history and best wishes for the future.

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