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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 398

Offered February 28, 2014

*Commending the City of Staunton.*

Patrons—Bell, Richard P. and Landes; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton is a dynamic city located in the heart of the Commonwealth's Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton is widely known as an exceptional community, rich in history and unique characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton values its downtown historic district and established guidelines to protect it in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton has utilized comprehensive planning and ordinances, such as the Corridor Overlay Ordinance and Guidelines, to spur investment in its historic district and walkable downtown; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton has nurtured partnerships with community organizations, such as the Historic Staunton Foundation and the Staunton Downtown Development Association, to invest in and preserve its historic district; and

WHEREAS, Beverley Street, named after the City of Staunton's founder, William Beverley, runs through the Newtown, Beverley, and Gospel Hill Historic Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Staunton's architecture, museums, restaurants, shops, and theatres are essential to the ambience of Beverley Street; and

WHEREAS, the nine blocks of West Beverley Street between Coalter and Jefferson Streets showcase the elements of form, character, and environment required for designation as one of the American Planning Association's Great Streets in their annual competition for "Great Places in America"; and

WHEREAS, Staunton's West Beverley Street was recognized by the American Planning Association as a "2013 Great Street" in their annual designation of "Great Places in America"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the City of Staunton on the occasion of the award and designation by the American Planning Association as a "2013 Great Place in America: Great Street" for West Beverley Street; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the City of Staunton, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the city's contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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