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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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Designating the Carillon Advisory Committee, in 2014, as the World War I 100th Anniversary Committee in Virginia.

Patrons—Carr, McClellan and McQuinn

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, World War I, originally known as the Great War, wrought significant and lasting changes on the entire world between 1914 and 1918; with over 37 million casualties, it was one of the deadliest conflicts in human history; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920s, the General Assembly of Virginia formed a commission to determine how to best honor the men and women who served and sacrificed for their country during World War I; and

WHEREAS, the majestic Virginia War Memorial Carillon (the Carillon) was completed in 1932 and dedicated to the Commonwealth in remembrance of the "patriotism and valor of the soldiers, sailors, marines, and women from Virginia" who served in World War I; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon Advisory Committee was established by the City Council of Richmond to ensure the maintenance and continued operation of the Carillon; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of the Carillon Advisory Committee have generously donated their time and talents and succeeded in their mission to preserve the Carillon; and

WHEREAS, today, the Carillon remains one of the premiere historic landmarks in the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon Advisory Committee continues to honor those who served in World War I by hosting Memorial Day and Veterans Day events at the Carillon; the nationally renowned Richmond Community Nativity Pageant is also held at the Carillon every December 23; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, many countries, states, and communities will hold memorial services and events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I; and

WHEREAS, having demonstrated a tireless dedication to honoring the veterans of World War I, the members of the Carillon Advisory Committee are the ideal choice to lead the Commonwealth's World War I 100th Anniversary memorial services in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Carillon Advisory Committee is asked to take steps to ensure that any monuments, plaques, displays, events, or services related to the World War I anniversary memorial reflect the patriotism, honor, and valor, of all Virginians who served in World War I on an equal basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the Carillon Advisory Committee, in 2014, as the World War I 100th Anniversary Committee in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Carillon Advisory Committee so that the members of the Committee may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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