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1   **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 138**
2   Offered February 26, 2014
3 *Commending Friday Night Live!*
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6   WHEREAS, Friday Night Live!, an immensely popular outdoor concert series in Herndon, celebrates
7 its 20th season in May 2014; and
8   WHEREAS, founded by Doug Downer in 1995, Friday Night Live! offers a place for people of all
9 ages to enjoy a wide variety of great food and the most popular local and regional musical acts from all
10 over the East Coast; and
11   WHEREAS, a charitable organization, Friday Night Live! has donated to many local groups,
12 including Herndon High School's after-prom and all-night graduation parties, area elementary schools'
13 parent-teacher associations and organizations, the Holiday Lights Project, and the Veterans Memorial
14 Fund, raising over $200,000 in contributions to date; and
15   WHEREAS, entertaining over 230,000 fans since 1995, Friday Night Live! was named "Best Free
16 Outdoor Concert in the Washington Metropolitan Area" in 2009 by the *Washington Post*, "BEST of
17 NoVA" in 2012 by *Northern Virginia Magazine*, as well as a "Must See" event while in Fairfax County;
18 and
19   WHEREAS, promoting a positive and memorable volunteer experience for the members of the
20 Herndon community, Friday Night Live! has recorded over 20,000 service hours since its inception; and
21   WHEREAS, the success of Friday Night Live! is due to the dedicated event organizers, the loyal
22 volunteers, and the enthusiastic support from the community of Herndon; now, therefore, be it
23   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Friday Night Live! hereby be commended on the
24 occasion of its 20th concert season; and, be it
25   RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
26 for presentation to Doug Downer, founder of Friday Night Live!, as an expression of the House of
27 Delegates' respect and admiration for bringing together the community of Herndon over the last 20
28 years.