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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered February 26, 2014

*Commending the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker and Saslaw; Delegates: Herring and Krupicka

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority was a recipient of the 2013 Virginia Housing Award for Best Mixed-Income Project for its James Bland/Old Town Commons project; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) collaborated with EYA, a local development and building company, on the Old Town Commons project; the two organizations jointly received the 2013 Virginia Housing Award; and

WHEREAS, Old Town Commons is the product of the redevelopment of existing public housing; the newly fashioned five-block neighborhood of townhomes and condominiums features a variety of options for renting or buying; and

WHEREAS, this innovative project captures the feel and charm of historic Alexandria, one of the Commonwealth's oldest and most storied cities; Old Town Commons is conveniently located near bustling Old Town Alexandria and is close to the Braddock Metro Station and the scenic Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Housing Conference annually presents the Virginia Housing Awards to recognize and celebrate outstanding and innovative housing efforts that successfully address the state's complex array of housing needs; and

WHEREAS, at Old Town Commons, the ARHA demonstrated its commitment to protect the environment; the housing meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Homes standards and is the largest such project in Alexandria; LEED-certified homes are designed to maximize fresh air indoors and use less energy; and

WHEREAS, construction of the James Bland/Old Town Commons neighborhood will be complete by December 2014; it represents a successful collaboration among ARHA, EYA, and the City of Alexandria to provide affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority for receiving the 2013 Virginia Housing Award for Best Mixed-Income Project for the James Bland/Old Town Commons housing endeavor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the organization's work to provide attractive, well-built, and affordable housing.

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