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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 189

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Commending the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects.

Patron—Watkins

WHEREAS, the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, governments, religions, industries, and families have used architecture throughout history to express their values, needs, capabilities, and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's second governor, Thomas Jefferson, used architecture as his measure of a government's relative worth, asserting that we must "avail ourselves of every occasion when public buildings are to be erected, of presenting to [our countrymen] models for their study and imitation"; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects and the architecture profession, through its Society, have been vigilant in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects has, for decades, provided counsel to the state; its representatives serve on the Art and Architectural Review Board, the Board of the Department of Historic Resources, and the State Building Code Technical Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects created the Virginia Foundation for Architecture, and in doing so established a scholarship fund and a commitment to education through the Virginia Center for Architecture, as well as inspired the preservation of two Virginia landmarks: Richmond's 1844 William Barret House and the 1919 Branch House on Richmond's historic Monument Avenue; and

WHEREAS, members of the American Institute of Architects in Virginia will join their neighbors and the Virginia Center for Architecture in community exercises designed to instill a greater appreciation for proper stewardship of the Commonwealth's built and natural environment as part of a year-long observance called *Virginia Celebrates Architecture*; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and for its service to the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its dedicated service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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