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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 203

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending the Nansemond River Garden Club.*

Patrons—Norment, Delegate Jones, Lucas, Miller, Cosgrove, Alexander, Barker, Black, Carrico, Colgan, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Garrett, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Marsden, Marsh, Martin, McDougle, McEachin, McWaters, Newman, Obenshain, Petersen, Puckett, Puller, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Smith, Stanley, Stosch, Stuart, Vogel, Wagner, Watkins and Wexton; Delegates: Bell, Richard P., Byron, Cline, Cole, DeSteph, Farrell, Gilbert, Greason, Habeeb, Hugo, Kilgore, Landes, Lingamfelter, Loupassi, Massie, Morefield, O'Quinn, Pogge, Ramadan, Robinson, Scott, Stolle, Wilt and Yancey

WHEREAS, the Nansemond River Garden Club of Suffolk, founded in 2004, has earned a sterling reputation for its beautiful floral designs and arrangements; and

WHEREAS, committed to environmental quality, protection, and beautification, the Nansemond River Garden Club has been instrumental in conservation and preservation projects in the City of Suffolk and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, members of the Nansemond River Garden Club assisted in the decoration of the Virginia State Capitol for the 2007 Gala reception commemorating the reopening of the Capitol after its renovation and restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Nansemond River Garden Club was invited to participate in the 2014 Inaugural Ceremonies by decorating the Capitol for the inauguration of Governor Terence McAuliffe; and

WHEREAS, responding with enthusiasm and excitement, the gardeners from the Nansemond River Garden Club arrived in their cars loaded with supplies, greenery, and creative ideas for making the finest floral displays; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of their president, Sandra Hart, the Nansemond River Garden Club volunteers transformed the Capitol into an elegant forum with spectacular floral arrangements that received rave reviews from the public and inaugural participants, including the Governor, Governor-elect, Lieutenant Governor-elect, and Attorney General-elect and members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the splendor of the Nansemond River Garden Club's creation continued to be enjoyed by all who visited the Capitol the following week; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Nansemond River Garden Club for its artistic work and volunteer efforts to create a beautiful and spectacular display for the Inaugural Ceremonies of the 72nd Governor of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sandra Hart, president of the Nansemond River Garden Club, and members Dana Adams, Pam Askew, Linda Consolvo, Linda Dickens, Sharyn Flintoff, Mary Lawrence Harrell, Pat House, Sara Ann Johnson, Nina McConnell, Mary Jane Naismith, Cleta Norcross, Pam Pruden, Susan Rawls, and Jane Schaubach as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for its time, artistry, and creativity during the 2014 Inaugural Ceremonies.

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