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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 204

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending John A. Moorman.

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WHEREAS, in 1959, at the age of 11, John A. Moorman began volunteering in a library, shelving books and moving a college library collection; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman used this experience to fuel a passion, which resulted in his obtaining a master's degree and a doctorate in library science; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman has worked in libraries since 1972, served as a library director since 1975, and has served as library director for Williamsburg Regional Library since 2000; and

WHEREAS, during John Moorman's tenure as library director, Williamsburg Regional Library has received many honors, including four-star and five-star ratings from *Library Journal* and becoming a finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Services; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman has worked with elected officials and staff to establish trust with local governments through fiscally responsible stewardship of public resources and excellent library collections, programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman shepherded Williamsburg Regional Library through the great recession as a leader and role model, reducing the library's budget without layoffs or reducing levels of service; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman worked closely with the Williamsburg Regional Library Board of Trustees in helping it perform its functions effectively; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman worked closely with the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library to enrich the library's collections, programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman worked closely with the Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation to increase its endowment for the library's growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman has consistently encouraged and motivated people through his words, and by delegating tasks and projects, he has shown the value of Williamsburg Regional Library and its staff to the citizens of three jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman has served not only library users in the Williamsburg area, but libraries across the state as president of the Virginia Library Association and libraries across the country as a member of the American Library Association's executive board; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman retired on December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Moorman's leadership and collaboration with the library's boards and staff members have allowed Williamsburg Regional Library to advance and grow, leaving an organization with great potential and viability for the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John A. Moorman for his outstanding contributions to the Williamsburg Regional Library and the library profession on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John A. Moorman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of leadership and service and best wishes on a happy retirement.

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