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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 94

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Commending the Norfolk Chamber Consort on its 45th anniversary.

Patron—Alexander

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Chamber Consort was founded by Kay Gardner in 1969 and gave its first performance, exclusively 20th-century music, in the old Norfolk Public Library, formerly known as the Norfolk Theater Center; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Chamber Consort was created to present public performances of chamber music from repertoires of the 17th through the 21st centuries, focusing on works with varied instrumentation and the use of voice as an integral part of the music texture; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Chamber Consort has also performed at the Chrysler Museum, and although focusing on 20th-century music, it expanded its repertoire to include standard literature and vocal music with chamber ensemble accompaniment and Baroque period music, which soon became regular features of the Consort's programming; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Chamber Consort performs the beloved and well-known masterpieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Brahms, Dvorak, Weber, and others; and

WHEREAS, lesser-known musical works and neglected masterpieces infrequently performed in Southeastern Virginia and guest composers and performers playing instruments unique to the Hampton Roads area are also included in the Norfolk Chamber Consort's performances; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Norfolk Chamber Consort moved its home to Chandler Recital Hall at Old Dominion University, and it has also been invited to present music programs in Mexico, Australia, Japan, and China; and

WHEREAS, frequently performing without a conductor, some Norfolk Chamber Consort concerts have been directed by notable area conductors, such as Russell Stanger, Richard Williams, Walter Noona, Peter Mark, Wes Kenney, and JoAnn Falletta, and have featured the work of prominent composers, including Adolphus Hailstork, F. Ludwig Diehn, and Thea Musgrave; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Andrey Kasparov assumed the artistic leadership of the Norfolk Chamber Consort, collaborated with Oksana Lutsyshyn as artistic co-director in 2009 to present the F. Ludwig Diehn Concert Series at Old Dominion University, and led the Norfolk Chamber Consort in presenting concerts highlighting exotic and contemporary music not often heard in the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Chamber Consort is a community treasure, enriches the lives of music lovers, and enhances the quality of life for all residents in the Hampton Roads area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Norfolk Chamber Consort on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Andrey Kasparov and Oksana Lutsyshyn, artistic co-directors of the Norfolk Chamber Consort, requesting that they further disseminate copies of this resolution to members of the Norfolk Chamber Consort so that they may be apprised of the General Assembly's appreciation of the organization's service to the Hampton Roads community and best wishes for future success.

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