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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered March 6, 2014

Commending Lawrence Distributing Company, Inc.

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Company, Inc., a family owned and operated business, celebrates its 60th anniversary of serving Southside Virginia, providing quality service and practicing effective corporate citizenship; and

WHEREAS Lawrence Distributing Company started in February 1954 when Billy B. Lawrence purchased Green Distributing Company and changed its name; and

WHEREAS, as a beer wholesaler, Lawrence Distributing Company began as a one-man company that delivered products to local restaurants, convenience stores, and supermarkets; and

WHEREAS, as Lawrence Distributing Company grew over the years, Billy Lawrence opened a larger facility in Danville, added wine sales in 1962, built a new office and warehouse in 1972, and added soft drinks, water, and additional beer and wine lines in the 1980s and 1990s; and

WHEREAS, today, Lawrence Distributing Company has its main office in Danville and a satellite office in South Hill, employs 66 people, and covers Pittsylvania, Henry, Halifax, Patrick, Franklin, Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Brunswick, Lunenburg, and Greensville Counties; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Company remains a family affair with Billy Lawrence continuing to be involved with the company in an advisory role while his daughter, Linda Lawrence Dalton, and her husband, Barry Dalton, now run the business; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawrence's wife, Dovie H. Lawrence, is a member of the board of directors while grandson Will now works full time for Lawrence Distributing Company; and

WHEREAS, an admired business and civic leader, Billy Lawrence was honored in 2003 with a National Beer Wholesalers Association Life Service Award and an Enduring Enterprise Award from the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Company of Danville was one of 35 MillerCoors distributorships selected from 827 distributors nationwide to receive the prestigious MillerCoors President's Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Distributing Company prides itself on hiring quality people, using quality products, and delivering quality service, a winning formula that has earned the company numerous quality assurance awards from MillerCoors over the years; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, Lawrence Distributing Company celebrated its 60th anniversary in business in Southside Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Lawrence Distributing Company, Inc., hereby be commended on its completion of six decades of quality service and corporate citizenship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Billy B. Lawrence, president of Lawrence Distributing Company, Inc., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's congratulations and admiration for his successful business practices.

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