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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5163

Offered August 11, 2014

*Commending Miller Funeral Home, Inc.*

Patrons—Adams and Marshall, D.W.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Miller Funeral Home, Inc., a family-owned business in the Town of Gretna that provides high-quality, dignified care for the deceased and their loved ones, celebrates 50 years of service to the Pittsylvania County community in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded by Jack and Bernice Miller in 1964, Miller Funeral Home was officially incorporated in 1970 and served the community from its original location on East Route 40 for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Miller Funeral Home relocated to its current facility on Zion Road, and in 1984, the Millers completed an addition, allowing the facility to house a 350-seat chapel, two reposing rooms, a showroom, a lounge, a preparation room, and storage space; and

WHEREAS, the professional, compassionate staff of Miller Funeral Home works diligently to provide the highest levels of care and comfort and create a relaxing atmosphere for families in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Bernice Miller are deeply respected leaders in the industry and have each been named Mortician of the Year by the Virginia Funeral Directors Association; Jack Miller was also appointed to serve on the Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for four years and was the first African American from the Western District to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Miller Funeral Home is an integral part of the Pittsylvania County community, supporting Gretna High School sports teams, the Climax Sorghum Festival, local radio stations, the NAACP, the National Night Out program, church functions, and other community events; and

WHEREAS, Miller Funeral Home has received many awards and accolades for its exceptional service, including the Business of the Year award from the Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce in 1996; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Miller Funeral Home, Inc., for its long history of service to the community on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jack and Bernice Miller, owners and operators of Miller Funeral Home, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the home's tireless dedication to and care for the families of Pittsylvania County.

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