## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5221**

Commending The Inn at Little Washington.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, The Inn at Little Washington, a five-star resort nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, received a 2014 Grand Award from *Wine Spectator* for its outstanding wine program; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Award is presented to restaurants that demonstrate passion and devotion in selecting and serving only the finest wines; The Inn at Little Washington was one of only 74 establishments worldwide to receive the prestigious award in 2014; and

WHEREAS, opened by Patrick O'Connell in 1978 in the historic Town of Washington, The Inn at Little Washington offers a peaceful getaway and delightful cuisine in a refined setting; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Jennifer Knowles and Casper Rice, The Inn at Little Washington offers well over 2,000 selections from around the world, with an emphasis on European and California wines; and

WHEREAS, Wine Spectator praised The Inn at Little Washington for its astute selections from top producers in California, Italy, Spain, and the Bordeaux and Burgundy regions of France; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Commonwealth's growing wine industry, The Inn at Little Washington includes wines from the best local vintners in its cellar; and

WHEREAS, The Inn at Little Washington elevates the Commonwealth's proud reputation as one of the world's premier destinations for travel and fine dining; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Inn at Little Washington on receiving a 2014 Grand Award from *Wine Spectator*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patrick O'Connell, head chef and proprietor of The Inn at Little Washington, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for The Inn's accomplishment and best wishes for the future.