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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5231

Offered September 17, 2014

*Commending the Alexandria Choral Society.*

Patrons—Krupicka and Herring; Senators: Barker, Ebbin and Saslaw

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Alexandria Choral Society celebrates 45 years of enhancing cultural life in the City of Alexandria through diverse, high-quality musical programs; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1970, the Alexandria Choral Society offers vocal performances of classical works and holiday shows and promotes the arts through education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Choral Society sponsors an annual carol competition for local students and supports the community through the Gift of Giving program, which raised money for the T. C. Williams High School band; the society also engages youths through the annual Art on the Avenue event in the Del Ray neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Choral Society has flourished under the expert direction of several artistic directors, including Francisco de Araujo, Martin Piecuch, Robert Shafer, Douglas Major, Kerry Krebill, Keith Reas, Philip Cave, Neil Weston, and Janet Davis; and

WHEREAS, receiving numerous awards and accolades over the years, the Alexandria Choral Society has twice earned the Alex Award from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and regularly receives grants from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Virginia Commission for the Arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria Choral Society for its contributions to the community on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brian Gendron, artistic director of the Alexandria Choral Society, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the society's dedication to artistic excellence and service to the residents of Alexandria.

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