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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 544

Offered June 18, 2014

Commending Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, of Norton.

Patron—Kilgore

WHEREAS, in 2014, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, of Norton, a soft drink bottling and distribution company, celebrates 100 years of serving Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Pepper family operated what is today known as the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company as a sole proprietorship for many years; it was officially incorporated on May 18, 1914, as the T. M. Pepper Bottling Company; and

WHEREAS, after it was purchased by George W. Vernon in 1925, the company changed its name to Stone Mountain Bottling Company; that same year, H. P. Hunnicutt and T. R. Hunnicutt became stockholders and officers of the company; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, George Hunnicutt, Sr., became the majority stockholder and changed the name of the company to Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, of Norton; and

WHEREAS, adhering to the highest standards, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company has been certified under Food Safety System Certification 22000 and recently earned an award for quality; and

WHEREAS, building relationships with other local businesses, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company has been a leader in responsible economic development and provided countless jobs and new opportunities to people in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company plans to commemorate its 100th anniversary with a special panel for its cans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, of Norton hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to George Hunnicutt, Jr., president of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, of Norton, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the company's service to the community and best wishes for the future.

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