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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 913

Offered February 23, 2015

*Commending the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building.*

Patrons—Rasoul, Austin, Carr, Davis, Futrell, Habeeb, Hope, Kory, Landes, Morrissey, Rust, Spruill, Villanueva and Ware; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Edwards and Saslaw

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building has housed several City of Roanoke departments and employees as they seek to serve and support the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the citizens of Roanoke voted to establish a municipal building and courthouse to better serve the residents of the growing community, construction began in 1915, and the building was dedicated in 1916; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Greek and Roman architectural styles, the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building was designed by the firm of Frye & Chesterman and inspired by the White City buildings of the Chicago World's Fair and the City Beautiful Movement; it was constructed by King Lumber Company of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building was enhanced with an annex in the 1970s, and in 2000, it was renamed for Noel C. Taylor, a longtime Roanoke mayor and respected leader in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Roanoke plans to renovate and reopen the Campbell Avenue entrance to the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building to contribute to the revitalization of downtown Roanoke; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building 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 Christopher P. Morrill, city manager of Roanoke, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building's unique place in local history.

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