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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 485

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Commending Virginia Capitol Connections.

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WHEREAS, for 30 years, David Bailey has produced the *Red Book*, an essential, annual resource for members of the General Assembly, staff, lobbyists, visitors, and students; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, David Bailey was inspired by his associates to convert his personally annotated C & P Telephone Company directory into a convenient, portable resource that he and his associates could use to better serve their clients; and

WHEREAS, David Bailey laid out the original copy of the *Red Book*, also known as Virginia Capitol Connections, on his living room floor and completed the first edition in the fall of 1986; the book was first printed by Clinch Valley Printing in Tazewell and is now printed by Wordsprint in Wytheville; and

WHEREAS, the pocket-sized *Red Book* contains the names and contact information of legislative and executive officials, as well as color photos and other helpful facts, such as their legislative aides and assistants, names of spouses, and birthdays; and

WHEREAS, the *Red Book* has become a common sight on the desks of General Assembly members and their aides, and is a trusted resource for anyone wishing to learn more about the membership or structure of state government; and

WHEREAS, *Red Book* is produced by David Bailey at no cost to Virginia taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, *Red Book* has succeeded with the hard work of the dedicated staff members of David Bailey, including John Sours, Kristen Bailey-Hardy, and countless interns over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Virginia Capitol Connections for its service to the General Assembly and the Commonwealth on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of *Red Book*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Bailey of Virginia Capitol Connections as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its diligent work to produce *Red Book*, one of the most helpful and most used publications in state government.

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