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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

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*Commending L. D. Arrington.*

Patron—Poindexter

WHEREAS, in 2015, L. D. Arrington of Rocky Mount, co-founder of Arrington Enterprises Inc., which owns quick service restaurants and a convenience store, celebrated 50 years as a successful small-business owner and community leader; and

WHEREAS, L. D. Arrington started his career as a meat cutter at a grocery store in Martinsville; his company transferred him to a store in Rocky Mount, which later became an IGA, where he worked his way up to manager; and

WHEREAS, as a co-founder, together with his wife, Ruth, of Arrington Enterprises Inc., L. D. Arrington has led the company with compassion and skill; his entrepreneurial success began in the 1960s when he and his wife assumed operation of Hugh's Drive-Up Snack Bar in Rocky Mount; and

WHEREAS, L. D. and Ruth Arrington also bought a local Dairy Queen restaurant in 1970; soon the Arringtons decided to incorporate their expanding businesses and named the new company Arrington Enterprises Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the snack bar was turned into the couple's second Dairy Queen restaurant, and the business continued to grow; today L. D. Arrington's company, which has more than 200 employees, owns four Dairy Queen restaurants, three Bojangles' restaurants, and a convenience store; and

WHEREAS, Arrington Enterprises is a family-run company, and the second generation is poised to assume major responsibilities; L. D. Arrington's son, David Arrington, daughter, Deborah Arrington Russell, and son-in-law, William Russell, are an important part of the business; and

WHEREAS, L. D. Arrington is grateful for the support his companies have received from the residents of Franklin County, and he gives back to the people of Southwest Virginia in many ways; he also is a supporter of Children's Miracle Network and We Care of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, L. D. Arrington was a leader in the effort to purchase equipment that lets first-responder vehicles control traffic signals as they approach intersections; \$278,000 was raised for the Town of Rocky Mount in response to the deaths of the town's fire chief and a firefighter in a fire truck crash; and

WHEREAS, L. D. Arrington continues to be at the helm of the family-run business and he strives to be a compassionate employer and businessman; he and his businesses are strong supporters of local law enforcement, and the company also assists with local schools' fund-raising efforts; and

WHEREAS, L. D. Arrington pays close attention to all facets of the company's operations and to his employees; Pat Moran, who has been with Arrington Enterprises for more than four decades, is grateful that she could take time off to care for her husband as he awaited major surgery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend L. D. Arrington of Rocky Mount, co-founder of Arrington Enterprises Inc., for his 50 years of business success and support of local civic and charitable organizations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to L. D. Arrington as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his many achievements.

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