HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

Commending Abbitt Realty.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Abbitt Realty, a respected independent, family-owned real estate and property management firm and a local institution in Newport News, celebrates 70 years of service to the community in 2016; and

WHEREAS, founded in Newport News by Monk Abbitt and his son, Richard Abbitt, in 1946 as an insurance company, Abbitt Realty soon expanded into real estate sales and property management; the company became known as a convenient "one-stop shop" where members of the growing community could purchase both a home and an insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, Richard Abbitt expanded the business into Georgia and North Carolina, and today, Abbitt Realty serves communities in the Commonwealth and several other states from offices in Newport News, Hampton, and Gloucester, using cutting-edge technology to monitor faraway properties in real time; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping families achieve their dreams of home ownership, Abbitt Realty offers property management services through Abbitt Management, including options for single-family and multi-family homes, full-service oversight for commercial clients, and daily operations for homeowners' associations; and

WHEREAS, under current president, Charles W. Wornom and chair of the board, Carolyn Abbitt, Abbitt Realty remains focused on the core values of strong client relationships, honesty, integrity, and care for the community; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Abbitt, who serves as managing broker, and Matt Abbitt, senior property manager, have ably carried on their family's legacy of excellence in service to the community; Abbitt Realty owes its success to its dedicated staff and loyal sales force of more than 100 Realtors, many of whom are second or third-generation employees of the company; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Abbitt Realty hereby be commended on the occasion of its 70th anniversary for its commitment to strengthening the community by creating and maintaining quality housing options; and, be it

RÉSOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles W. Wornom, president of Abbitt Realty, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the company's legacy of service to the Hampton Roads community.