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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending Donna Tartt.

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WHEREAS, Donna Tartt of Pamplin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning American fiction writer who is internationally renowned for her unique style of prose; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mississippi, Donna Tartt is a graduate of Bennington College in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Donna Tartt is the author of the novels *The Secret History* published in 1992, *The Little Friend* published in 2002, and *The Goldfinch* published in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Donna Tartt won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Goldfinch* a bestselling story about loss, loneliness, and self-identity, and the novel is being adapted into a film directed by John Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Donna Tartt's writing style is uncommon in contemporary American literary fiction, and she primarily writes in neo-romanticism-inflected prose that borrows heavily from the style of 19th century literature; and

WHEREAS, Donna Tartt was named one of *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in 2014, the same year she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction; and

WHEREAS, Donna Tartt splits her time between New York and the Commonwealth, where she writes her novels at her 19th century tobacco plantation in Pamplin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Donna Tartt, a highly acclaimed American fiction writer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donna Tartt as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her success and best wishes for the future.

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