

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

Commending Donna Tartt.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

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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