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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1069

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Commending Breaux Vineyards.

Patrons—LaRock and Minchew; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, Breaux Vineyards in Purcellville, producer of some of the finest grapes in all of the Commonwealth, was awarded two gold medals and one silver medal in the 2017 Virginia Governor's Cup wine competition; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Governor's Cup wine competition, hosted annually by the Virginia Wineries Association, showcases the best of the best in Virginia wine and is one of the most stringent competitions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the 2017 Virginia Governor's Cup wine competition, Breaux Vineyards was awarded gold medals for its 2012 and 2014 Meritage and a silver medal for its 2013 Meritage; and

WHEREAS, since opening its doors to the public in 1997, Breaux Vineyards has relied on its own land to produce its internationally acclaimed wines, using fruit grown on its over 400-acre estate that is then harvested by hand and produced and bottled on site; and

WHEREAS, one of the fastest-growing wineries in Virginia, Breaux Vineyards is the largest grape producer in Loudoun County and one of the largest in the Commonwealth with contiguous acreage; and

WHEREAS, with 105 acres planted in 17 different grape varieties, Breaux Vineyards provides grapes to other wineries in Loudoun County and around the state, and several Virginia Governor's Cup competition gold medal winners in previous years have featured Breaux Vineyards grapes; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's vibrant wine industry is one of the fastest-growing agricultural sectors in the state and Breaux Vineyards works closely with Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension to make grape farming more accessible, reliable, and consistent; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Vineyards offers guests scenic, panoramic vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains and Short Hill Mountain from its grounds and tasting room, part of the winery's 40,000 square feet of indoor space; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Vineyards seeks to encourage agritourism and is one of the most highly visited wineries in Loudoun County; the Breaux Vineyards philosophy is that providing hospitality to guests is just as important as delivering a quality bottle of wine; and

WHEREAS, Breaux Vineyards' experienced and innovative leaders include Jennifer Breaux, Christopher Blosser, and E. Paul Breaux, Jr., the founder and owner whose dedication and vision have made the winery what it is today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Breaux Vineyards on winning two gold medals and one silver medal in the 2017 Virginia Governor's Cup wine competition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to E. Paul Breaux, Jr., president and CEO of Breaux Vineyards, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's entrepreneurial spirit and for efforts to make Loudoun County a world-class wine producer and destination.

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