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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 894

Offered February 7, 2017

*Commending Jerry A. Chenault.*

Patrons—Cox, Aird, Bell, Richard P., Carr, Cole, Freitas, Helsel, Ingram, Jones, Keam, Lindsey, Pillion, Robinson, Simon and Ware; Senators: Chase, Dance, Norment, Reeves, Ruff, Stuart and Wagner

WHEREAS, Jerry A. Chenault, a member of American Legion Post 284 in Colonial Heights, won the high honor of being selected as the 2016 state Legionnaire of the Year out of 45,000 American Legion members in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Chenault won the top statewide award after first being selected as Post 284, District 11, and Virginia Eastern Region Legionnaire of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Chenault is a tireless American Legion volunteer who heads the Children and Youth programs for Post 284, which, under his leadership, has been recognized at the state and national levels for having the best Children and Youth programs; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, American Legion Post 284 held 395 children and youth activities and thanks to Jerry Chenault's leadership more than \$90,000 was given to benefit children and more than 18,000 kids were given aid in the form of cash and goods; and

WHEREAS, a retired United States Army Officer, Jerry Chenault has been an American Legion member for 39 years and has served in various leadership roles within Post 284, including as a past 1st and 2nd Vice Commander and as an executive committee member; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving American Legion Post 284, Jerry Chenault is also active in the Association of Quartermaster, Military Officers Association of America, and La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, a society of wartime veterans better known as 40&8; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Chenault received an associate degree from Manatee Junior College in 1971, graduated from the University of Florida with high honors in 1973, and he did advanced degree work at Florida Institute of Technology; his military schooling includes graduating from the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Chenault earned an array of awards and decorations during his military career and the 2016 state Legionnaire of the Year honor is well-deserved for his great work on behalf of children and our communities; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot devoted to his community, country, and fellow veterans, Jerry Chenault exemplifies the loyalty and determination displayed by members of the military as they faithfully serve at home and abroad; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jerry A. Chenault, a member of American Legion Post 284 in Colonial Heights, on being selected as the 2016 state Legionnaire of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jerry A. Chenault as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his patriotism and dedication to improving the Colonial Heights community and the lives of children.

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