

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 443

Commending Burns Brothers Cleaners.

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

WHEREAS, Burns Brother Cleaners provided quality dry cleaning and laundering services to the residents of McLean and the surrounding area for more than 67 years; and

WHEREAS, cofounded by Don and Bob Burns in 1949, Burns Brothers Cleaners was the first dry cleaner in McLean, at a time when Fairfax County was still mostly rural; and

WHEREAS, opening their business on Old Dominion Drive proved to be a visionary decision for the Burns brothers, who watched Fairfax County become one of the fastest-growing counties in the Commonwealth and McLean become a home to diplomats, businessmen, and high-ranking government officials; and

WHEREAS, Burns Brothers Cleaners quickly became known for their attentive care to high-end items and prominent customers from both ends of the political spectrum; in the 1980s, to ensure the same level of exceptional service for its ever-growing clientele, Burns Brothers Cleaners implemented a waiting list, which at one time included more than 3,000 names; and

WHEREAS, Burns Brothers Cleaners was a true family business, with each of Don Burns' six children spending time working in the shop; the Burns family witnessed and adapted to countless changes to fashion and provided the remedies to a host of unique stains and spills over the course of their long history in the cleaning business; and

WHEREAS, a representative of many of the Commonwealth's fine small businesses, Burns Brothers Cleaners remained committed to outstanding personal service up until its closing day on December 31, 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Burns Brothers Cleaners hereby be commended for being a fixture of the McLean community for 67 years; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Burns family as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for Burns Brothers Cleaners decades of quality service to its customers.

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