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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

Offered January 24, 2017

Commending Harold Lee Jerrell.

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WHEREAS, Harold Lee Jerrell of Rose Hill in Lee County, a former state employee and a talented photographer who has been featured in national publications, preserves the natural beauty of the Commonwealth through his evocative artwork; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jerrell holds degrees from Hiwassee College, the University of Tennessee, and Lincoln Memorial University; he served the Commonwealth as the chief forest warden of Lee County for the Virginia Department of Forestry for 10 years and as an agriculture extension agent and unit coordinator with Virginia Cooperative Extension; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jerrell discovered his passion for photography while he was working at the Department of Forestry, and after his retirement from Virginia Cooperative Extension in 2010, he participated in a photography workshop in Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, since then, Harold Jerrell's photographs of nature scenes and wildlife have appeared in magazines, books, pamphlets, brochures, and on local, state, and national websites; in 2016 alone, his photographs appeared on the cover of *Nature Photographer Magazine*, in the book *Cumberland Gap: Pathway to a Land of Mist and Mystery*, and in the magazine *Arizona Highways*; and

WHEREAS, Harrold Jerrell strives to capture the essence of a scene, transporting the viewer to each photograph's special moment through vivid colors and unique perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jerrell has taught photography classes at Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Wilderness Road State Park, Roan Mountain Naturalist Club, and Cumberland Gap National Historical Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Harold Lee Jerrell, a talented photographer in Lee County, hereby be commended for his contributions to art and culture in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Harold Lee Jerrell as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his work to share the region's natural beauty with the world.