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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 144

Offered January 19, 2018

*Celebrating the impending 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia and the continuing contributions of the Sorensen Institute and its distinguished alumni to the public life of the Commonwealth of Virginia.*

Patrons—Keam, Leftwich, Lopez, Peace, Aird, Bell, John J., Bulova, Carr, Carter, Davis, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Garrett, Hayes, Herring, Hope, James, Kory, Levine, Marshall, Miyares, Mullin, Murphy, Plum, Reid, Sickles, Sullivan, Torian, Toscano, Tran, Watts and Yancey; Senators: Cosgrove, Ebbin, Lewis, McClellan and McPike

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia was established by a group of public-spirited citizens in 1993 to improve political leadership and strengthen the quality of governance at all levels in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Sorensen Institute prepares Virginia's emerging leaders for public service as candidates for office, government officials and active citizens in the affairs of their communities, the Commonwealth and the nation; through educational programs designed around public policy, ethics and practical politics; and

WHEREAS, the Sorensen Institute's Political Leaders Program, Emerging Leaders Program, Candidate Training Program, College Leaders Program and High School Leaders Program can now claim some 2200 alumni, including Governor Ralph Northam and 25 members of the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle, from across the Commonwealth, and many former members, as well as public servants at the local and federal level and many community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the alumni of the Sorensen Institute provide an example of ethical and respectful behavior that respects differences of opinion and seeks cooperation amid the policy battles and political campaigns that define our public life; and

WHEREAS, Sorensen alumni build bonds of friendship across ideological lines and from one end of the Commonwealth to the other, which bonds serve to strengthen the legislative and policy process and improve the tone of our debates and campaigns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate Tuesday, February 13, 2018 as "Sorensen Day" in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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