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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 217

Offered February 6, 2018

*Commending Chapters Bookshop.*

Patrons—O'Quinn; Senators: Carrico, Chafin and Stanley

WHEREAS, Chapters Bookshop, an independent bookstore and gift shop in downtown Galax, was selected as a winner in the 2017 Children's Book Week Contest; and

WHEREAS, established in 1919, Children's Book Week is an annual literacy initiative and celebration of children's books conducted by the nonprofit organizations Every Child a Reader and the Children's Book Council; as part of the 2017 Children's Book Week held May 1 - 7, over 700 schools, libraries, and bookstores, including Chapters Bookshop, were invited to enter a display contest based on the theme "One World, Many Stories"; and

WHEREAS, for its entry in the contest, Chapters Bookshop created a window display designed to look like a child's bedroom; along with a collection of books, it featured several literature-themed decorations, including a block tower, a bean stalk, and a castle in the clouds; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2017, Chapters Bookshop was one of 15 entrants nationwide selected as winners in the Children's Book Week Contest; as a reward, the shop received copies of 28 Children's and Teen Choice Book Award winners to donate to a charity of its choice; and

WHEREAS, Chapters Bookshop donated the prize to the Rooftop of Virginia Community Action Program, a nonprofit organization that serves low-income residents in Galax and the surrounding region; some of the books were given to foster children, while others were distributed through Project READ, a program designed to educate parents about the importance of early literacy; and

WHEREAS, Chapters Bookshop's other Children's Book Week activities included a story time reading for children, free online access to books, and a prize drawing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chapters Bookshop on earning a 2017 Children's Book Week Contest award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chapters Bookshop as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its support of early literacy and its many efforts to promote the joys of reading.

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