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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 313

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Commending the Richmond Symphony.

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bell, John J., Bourne, Boysko, Filler-Corn, Keam, McQuinn, Murphy, Peace, Plum, Rasoul, Robinson, Rodman, VanValkenburg and Watts; Senators: Dance and McClellan

WHEREAS, the Richmond Symphony, one of the nation's most acclaimed regional orchestras, was formed in 1957 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary during the 2017 - 2018 Season; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural season, the Richmond Symphony performed only three concerts in Richmond; in 2017, the orchestra presented performances and educational programs every week, extending throughout the Greater Richmond Region, and toured across the Commonwealth from its downtown home in the historic Carpenter Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Symphony has fostered deep and vitally important partnerships with the public school systems of the Greater Richmond Region and beyond, with the shared goal of ensuring equal access to and opportunities for music education as part of a well-rounded education for every Virginian child; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Symphony is recognized nationally as an innovative and artistically excellent orchestra, winning grants and awards for its performances and educational and community engagement programs, and it is making every effort to bring its music to diverse audiences of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Symphony's award-winning Big Tent initiative has afforded an extraordinary opportunity to work with other cities and counties to bring people together through the power of live music by presenting festivals and concerts in parks and public spaces for the enjoyment of citizens, young and old, throughout the Commonwealth, thereby increasing public access to the arts; and

WHEREAS, art, music, and cultural experiences greatly enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Commonwealth; in its 60-year history, the Richmond Symphony has been supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Virginia Commission for the Arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Richmond Symphony, a cultural asset for the entire Commonwealth, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond Symphony as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the orchestra's achievements and work to unite people through the power of music.

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