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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 453

Offered March 2, 2018

*Commending Chatham Furniture Company.*

Patrons—Adams, L.R. and Marshall; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Chatham Furniture Company, a family-owned and -operated furniture store that has served countless loyal customers in Pittsylvania County, celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, one of the oldest businesses in its community, Chatham Furniture Company was established in 1893; during its early days, it served as both a furniture operation and a funeral home; and

WHEREAS, today, Chatham Furniture Company is owned by husband and wife J.W. and Linda Thomasson, who are both former teachers in the Pittsylvania County Schools; the couple has been associated with the store since 1974 and are the seventh owners in its long history; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Furniture Company sells a variety of high-quality furniture, including mattresses, bedroom sets, chairs, recliners, sofas, kitchen tables, and other items; and

WHEREAS, an ardent supporter of its community, Chatham Furniture Company has served as a sponsor of the Chatham 5k run and the Climax Sorghum Festival and has lent support to the Chatham First organization and fundraisers by local fire departments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the community as owners of Chatham Furniture Company, J.W. and Linda Thomasson are supporters of the American Heart Association, the USO, the American Cancer Society, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Alzheimer's research; they are also passionate supporters of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and are the parents of four alumni; and

WHEREAS, during its many years in operation, Chatham Furniture Company has become a local institution known for its friendly staff and personalized customer service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chatham Furniture Company for its long service to the community on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chatham Furniture Company as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its impressive accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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