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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 509

Offered March 5, 2018

*Commending the Alexandria Harmonizers.*

Patrons—Herring, Adams, D.M., Boysko, Bulova, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Lindsey, Lopez, McQuinn, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Sullivan and Turpin; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Howell, Marsden, Saslaw, Spruill and Surovell

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers, one of the premiere men's a cappella choruses in the nation, celebrate their 70th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have been based in Alexandria since their founding in 1948; the nonprofit organization specializes in four-part harmony, one of a cappella's most challenging forms; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers regularly perform with 80 - 100 men on stage and have won four International Championship gold medals and numerous other competitive awards; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have performed at the White House, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Capitol, the Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers regularly contribute to the local Alexandria and Northern Virginia communities through free public performances, participation in community music events, free singing valentines, and performances at senior centers and retirement homes; the group also runs a youth harmony festival to introduce local high school students to the joys of a cappella singing; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have served as international ambassadors by performing in Normandy, France, at ceremonies to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, and by performing in other nations such as Germany and China; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment to artistic quality, the Alexandria Harmonizers continue to fulfill their mission of "entertaining, educating, and enriching lives through excellence in a cappella harmony" and bring great credit to the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria Harmonizers on the occasion of their 70th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Alexandria Harmonizers as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the group's outstanding vocal harmony and service to the Commonwealth and to the world.

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