

2018 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Commending the Manassas Symphony Orchestra.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 18, 2018

WHEREAS, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra that has entertained and educated countless audience members with its musical performances, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, originally called the NOVA-Manassas Community Orchestra, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra was established by Gail Kettlewell, provost of Northern Virginia Community College, and began performing in 1992; and

WHEREAS, an all-volunteer ensemble, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra consists of serious adult musicians, advanced student musicians in high school, and guest musicians who perform concerts at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas; and

WHEREAS, James Villani, a conductor, clarinetist, and adjunct assistant professor at Northern Virginia Community College, has served as the Manassas Symphony Orchestra's music director since 2004; and

WHEREAS, under James Villani's leadership, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra has reached new artistic heights; in 2015, it won the American Prize for Orchestral Performance, Community Division, an award that recognizes the best orchestras in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each season, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra stages five performances, including a holiday-themed family concert; its talented musicians have presented difficult works by composers such as Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Vivaldi, and Mozart; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the volunteer musicians of the Manassas Symphony Orchestra have delighted audiences and helped promote art, culture, and music education in the Manassas community; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of its 25th anniversary, the Manassas Symphony Orchestra developed a special program for its 2017-2018 season that revisits some of its most beloved pieces and features soloists from past concerts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Manassas Symphony Orchestra hereby be commended for its years of service to the Manassas community on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Villani, music director of the Manassas Symphony Orchestra, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the ensemble's achievements and best wishes for continued success.

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