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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1052

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending River Bend Bistro.*

Patrons—Krizek; Senators: Ebbin and Surovell

WHEREAS, the River Bend Bistro in Alexandria, a popular restaurant with simple, good food using local ingredients, has served appreciative diners for five years; and

WHEREAS, Caroline and Bill Ross opened River Bend Bistro in 2013 with the vision of serving American cuisine with French and Mediterranean influences; and

WHEREAS, River Bend Bistro chef-owner, Caroline Ross, attended the prestigious École de Cuisine La Varenne in Paris, France, and worked in many respected American, French, and Italian restaurants before opening the River Bend Bistro to strengthen her French culinary repertoire; and

WHEREAS, River Bend Bistro's co-owner, Bill Ross, has been a businessman in Alexandria for more than 30 years; known as "Captain Bill," he also owns and operates the National River Tour Co.; and

WHEREAS, River Bend Bistro was built over several years, starting with used equipment from a closing restaurant and ultimately undergoing an entire kitchen renovation at its Fort Hunt Road location; and

WHEREAS, in its years in operation, River Bend Bistro has garnered many positive reviews, including from Zagat, which called the restaurant a "classy spot for American fare, with a wide selection of international beers, wine, and house cocktails"; and

WHEREAS, River Bend Bistro's seasonal menu items are composed of local ingredients, such as scallops from the Chesapeake, goat cheese from Crozet, and vegetables from across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, River Bend Bistro's dedication to excellence has built a loyal following of patrons, making them an extremely popular restaurant in the Fort Hunt neighborhood of Alexandria; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend River Bend Bistro on its fifth anniversary of serving up simple, good food using local ingredients; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to River Bend Bistro as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the restaurant's service to the Alexandria community.

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