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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1132

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program.*

Patrons—Marshall, Adams, L.R., Austin, Carr, Edmunds, Fariss and Kory; Senators: Chafin, Deeds and Ruff

WHEREAS, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program was established in 1970 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program designates and helps protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic, and natural characteristics that are of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, scenic river designations result from initiatives launched by partnerships between local organizations, local governments, state agencies, and the General Assembly of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of the program, 33 river segments totaling more than 850 river miles have been designated as state scenic rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation administers the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program, is assisted and advised by the Board of Conservation and Recreation, and receives guidance from locally appointed advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, rivers possessing outstanding scenic qualities continue to be evaluated and added to the Virginia Scenic Rivers system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program in advance of its 50th anniversary so that the Board of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, advisory committees, interested citizens, and local governments may plan for appropriate celebrations in 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for the efforts of those state and local entities and individuals who have moved the program forward for the benefit of all Virginians now and in the future.

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