

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 752

*Commending the Virginia Funeral Directors Association.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2019

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the Virginia Funeral Directors Association is a professional organization founded in 1887 by funeral service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Funeral Directors Association (VFDA) serves communities throughout the Commonwealth and counts more than 550 funeral service professionals among its membership; and

WHEREAS, the VFDA creates opportunities for professional development and fosters a positive environment in which members can build relationships with each other and with elected officials and decision makers; and

WHEREAS, the VFDA provides mentoring to the next generation of funeral service professionals and works with its members and other stakeholders to promote the mutual advancement and elevation of the field and the attainment of a higher standard of excellence, which will ensure the respect and esteem of the community; and

WHEREAS, the VFDA educates its members, the public, and government officials on relevant issues affecting funeral service through continuing education programs, general outreach and communications, and the work of its committees; and

WHEREAS, the VFDA provides a unified voice for its members before local and state bodies and advocates for important initiatives to enhance the funeral service profession; and

WHEREAS, the VFDA strives in every way to better enable its members to serve the public, who entrust their loved ones to them for their last act of care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Funeral Directors Association on the occasion of its 132nd anniversary for providing education, advocacy, and professional growth to its members and the broader funeral service profession; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry Spiaggi, president of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for the organization's next hundred years of continuous service to the funeral service community in the Commonwealth.

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