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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 891

Offered February 11, 2019

*Commending service dogs Liberty and Justice.*

Patrons—Mullin; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, service dogs Liberty and Justice retired after three years of service as mascots of Colonial Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Liberty and Justice, a pair of three-year-old certified therapy dogs, have served as ambassadors for Colonial Williamsburg by greeting and interacting with guests at events and at the living history museum; and

WHEREAS, Liberty first joined Colonial Williamsburg in September 2015, when a historical interpreter portraying George Washington introduced the Briard dog to guests at the Colonial Williamsburg Inn; and

WHEREAS, Liberty and Justice have participated in the annual Dogs of DoG Street pet parade on Duke of Gloucester Street that benefits the Heritage Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, the Briard is an ancient French breed of large herding dog that was introduced to the United States by Thomas Jefferson in the 1780s after he served as ambassador to France, giving Liberty and Justice a unique connection to the early history of the nation; and

WHEREAS, both in good health, Liberty and Justice will return to a licensed breeder after their well-earned retirement from Colonial Williamsburg; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend service dogs Liberty and Justice on the occasion of their retirement as mascots of Colonial Williamsburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonial Williamsburg as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the important role that service dogs Liberty and Justice played for Colonial Williamsburg.

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