

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 892

*Commending the Newport News Fall Festival.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, the Newport News Fall Festival, a beloved local tradition showcasing artists, craftsmen, vendors, and exhibitors, held its 45th festival on October 6 - 7, 2018, at Newport News Park; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Fall Festival has delighted generations of residents and visitors with its Craft Marketplace and Country Store, selling handmade crafts and homemade delicacies, as well as with food vendors and exhibitors from local businesses and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, another hallmark of the Newport News Fall Festival is the Heritage Area, Southeast Virginia's largest celebration of traditional crafts and trades, including quilting, pottery, nautical ropes, wood turning, beekeeping, basket weaving, musical instruments, livestock care, and blacksmithing, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Area is home to demonstrations of Medieval history, early American history, and Civil War history, as well as antique boats, carriages, and automobiles; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the two-day event, the Newport News Fall Festival features multiple shows and concerts on two stages, and younger guests can enjoy a variety of hands-on activities like scarecrow making, fruit fishing, and archery, and can explore a pumpkin patch and a rock climbing wall; and

WHEREAS, with its unique offerings and opportunities to learn about the history and heritage of the Commonwealth, the Newport News Fall Festival has become a yearly tradition for generations of Virginia families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Newport News Fall Festival on the occasion of its 45th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the 45th Newport News Fall Festival as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the event's legacy of contributions to cultural life in Newport News.

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