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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 901

Offered February 11, 2019

*Commending Jay BeVille.*

Patrons—Mullin; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, Jay BeVille retired as artistic director of the Williamsburg Choral Guild after 16 years at the helm of the 100-member group that brings high-quality choral music to local audiences; and

WHEREAS, Jay BeVille has a storied background in music education; he worked as a music specialist at the Hanover County Public Schools, performed as a soloist alongside the Richmond Symphony, and taught voice courses at Virginia Commonwealth University and Randolph-Macon College; and

WHEREAS, as artistic director of the Williamsburg Choral Guild, Jay BeVille presented a diverse repertoire running the gamut from classics to modern pieces, including songs in multiple languages; and

WHEREAS, Jay BeVille is credited with considerable outreach to younger singers; in 2011, he founded the Williamsburg Youth Chorale, a spinoff of the Guild with performers ranging from third graders through high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Jay BeVille's final concert with the Williamsburg Choral Guild and the Williamsburg Youth Chorale, titled "A Potpourri of Choral Classics," included arias, solos, duets, and ensembles presented with obvious care and feeling; Fauré's "Cantique de Jean Racine" was described as a standout because of its stunningly beautiful delivery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jay BeVille for leading the Williamsburg Choral Guild as artistic director for 16 years and for bringing magnificent choral music to appreciative audiences; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jay BeVille as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to elevating and presenting choral music and the arts.

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