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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 285

Offered February 14, 2019

*Commending Howard Lee Grove.*

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WHEREAS, Howard Lee Grove, a successful farmer and community leader in Fauquier County, has dedicated his life to the promotion of agriculture and the conservation of the Commonwealth's valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Howard Grove has been a steward of the land from a young age, growing up on his family's farm, which produced chickens, beef cattle, market hogs, hay, grain, and straw; he was active in Future Farmers of America and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics; and

WHEREAS, Howard Grove taught agriculture at Fauquier High School and Orange High School, then served as a regional agricultural consultant for National Bank and Trust for 15 years, until he returned to farming; and

WHEREAS, Howard Grove has been an early adopter of new technologies and unconventional farming techniques; he was among the first in the region to utilize haylage production to improve the quality of harvested forages and later utilized grazing and unique feeds like spent brewers' grains to grow and finish beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, Howard Grove has been an active member of the Fauquier County Farm Bureau, holding numerous offices, including president and state representative, and has worked diligently to improve safety guidelines and laws to help family farms; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District, Howard Grove promoted practices that protect the area's natural resources; he was proud to place his farm into a conservation easement and opened his land to farm tours and student groups; and

WHEREAS, Howard Grove has supported and inspired young people through his work with 4-H and his farm has employed many local youths and served as the location of a work-study program for a Virginia Tech student; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Howard Lee Grove hereby be commended for his contributions to agriculture in Fauquier County and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Howard Lee Grove as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his personal and professional achievements in service to the community.

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