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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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*Commending Larry T. Harley.*_____
Patron—Kilgore

WHEREAS, Larry T. Harley began his service as a paralegal with the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Larry Harley held many different roles within the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society over the years, ultimately serving as executive director for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Larry Harley shepherded the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society through significant structural changes and growth during his tenure, leading it to become one of the preeminent rural legal aid programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, under Larry Harley's skillful management, the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society has served thousands of low-income citizens in Southwest Virginia who have faced legal problems involving domestic violence, financial hardships, unfair treatment in housing and the workplace, and family crises, among many others; and

WHEREAS, because of his record of service to the public, *Virginia Business* named Larry Harley as one of Virginia's most elite attorneys in the area of public service law for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2009; he received the 2011 Virginia State Bar Legal Aid Award; and

WHEREAS, Larry Harley honorably served the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission, promoting equal access to justice in Virginia, with particular emphasis on the civil legal needs of Virginia residents; and

WHEREAS, Larry Harley's leadership has enabled Southwest Virginia Legal Aid to fulfill its noble mission of "Seeking One Justice for All Virginians"; and

WHEREAS, Larry Harley has faithfully served Southwest Virginia Legal Aid, his community, and the Commonwealth with honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Larry T. Harley for more than 40 years of service to the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry T. Harley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the legal field and service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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