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Commending the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport.

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WHEREAS, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport, one of the few remaining privately owned airports in the Commonwealth, has served the residents of the Virginia Peninsula and aviators from around the country for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport traces its roots to 1967, when Larry Waltrip asked his parents, the owners of a construction company, about building a new airstrip to replace the recently closed College Airport at The College of William & Mary; and

WHEREAS, Larry Waltrip worked with his father, Dudley; his brother, Timmy; and architect Bill Phillips to bring his dream to fruition; the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport officially opened on September 20, 1970, and is still owned by the Waltrip family; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people pass through the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport each year, including business travelers and Tidewater locals; the airport is a major hub for tourist travel to nearby Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport houses dozens of privately owned aircraft and further serves the community by supporting the Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance and the Williamsburg Flight Center, which operates on airport property and provides flight training, maintenance, and air tours; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport has become a beloved community meeting place, with civic groups using the airport's conference room for events and the award-winning Charly's Airport Restaurant providing delicious food to locals and travelers alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larry Waltrip as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport's unique history and contributions to the community.

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