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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114**
2 Offered February 21, 2020
3 *Commending Jahmal Potter.*
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   Patron—Convirs-Fowler
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6   WHEREAS, Jahmal Potter, a Virginia Beach native and budding children's book author, published
7 his first book in October 2018; and
8   WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Virginia's College at Wise, Jahmal Potter fell in love
9 with Southwest Virginia and became inspired to write a children's book drawn from the region's
10 folklore; and
11   WHEREAS, Jahmal Potter's story, *Where is the Woodbooger?*, playfully recounts a search for the
12 Bigfoot-like mythical creature believed to reside in and around Wise County and the City of Norton;
13 and
14   WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Norton has embraced the Woodbooger, erecting a statue in
15 its honor and officially designating the Flag Rock Recreation Area a "Woodbooger Sanctuary"; and
16   WHEREAS, prompted by this local zeal, Jahmal Potter wrote a story to enchant young minds
17 throughout the Commonwealth and promote the regional culture and geography of Wise County and the
18 City of Norton; and
19   WHEREAS, in addition to his talents as a writer, Jahmal Potter is also an accomplished disc jockey
20 with his own company, JGreat Entertainment, delighting audiences at many weddings, parties, and
21 functions in the community; and
22   WHEREAS, as an advocate for reading and children's education, Jahmal Potter has visited several
23 schools throughout the Commonwealth, encouraging students to open their eyes, use their imaginations,
24 and fall in love with learning; now, therefore, be it
25   RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jahmal Potter, a children's book author from Virginia
26 Beach, hereby be commended for his efforts to motivate the youth of the Commonwealth to read; and,
27 be it
28   RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
29 for presentation to Jahmal Potter as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his
30 achievements and best wishes for the future.