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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Offered February 5, 2020

*Commending E.G. Middleton, Inc.*

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Patron—Knight

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WHEREAS, E.G. Middleton, Inc., a preeminent electrical contracting business in Norfolk, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, E. George Middleton, Sr., and his wife, Thelma, founded E.G. Middleton, Inc., in 1920, primarily performing residential projects while operating out of the couple's home; and

WHEREAS, starting in the late 1940s, their sons, E. George Middleton, Jr., and Beverly Middleton, worked for the family business during summers and college breaks; after graduation, they became involved full-time and helped the company expand into larger, more complex industrial and commercial projects; and

WHEREAS, with a reputation for honest, quality work, demand for E.G. Middleton's services grew and the company established its own shop, first in downtown Norfolk and later in the city's Ballentine Place neighborhood, where the company continues to operate today; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Beverly Middleton left the business to pursue other ventures while George Middleton, Jr., became sole owner, continuing the company's shift toward projects in the industrial and heavy construction markets; around this time, his son E.G. "Rudy" Middleton III began to work for the company during summers and school breaks, much as his father had a generation before; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, as a graduate of Old Dominion University with years of experience in the electrical contracting field, Rudy Middleton joined E.G. Middleton as a project estimator and manager; he assumed the position of company president in the mid-1990s and continued the company's push into new markets and more challenging jobs; and

WHEREAS, both E.G. "Erby" Middleton IV and Evan Middleton have recently joined the company, ensuring its continued success into a fourth generation; and

WHEREAS, today, E.G. Middleton handles many large-scale projects for shipyards, paper mills, food processing plants, public utilities, and other federal, state, and local government clients, employing an average of 100 to 150 electricians, linemen, and cable splicers at any time to manage the considerable workload; and

WHEREAS, E.G. Middleton exemplifies that quality, honesty, and integrity are the foundation for success, and over three generations have provided impeccable services benefiting countless Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That E.G. Middleton, Inc., an esteemed electrical contracting business in Norfolk, hereby be commended for 100 years of growth and prosperity; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to E.G. Middleton III, president and chief executive officer of E.G. Middleton, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' profound respect and heartfelt admiration for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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