

## 2020 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

*Commending Friday Night Live!*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2020  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Friday Night Live!, the popular outdoor concert series held at Town Green in Herndon, celebrated its 25th season in 2019; and

WHEREAS, founded by Doug Downer in 1995, Friday Night Live! has become an institution in the community with thousands of people of all ages flocking to Town Green each summer to unwind with delicious food and captivating musical acts; and

WHEREAS, Friday Night Live!, a charitable organization, provides more than entertainment, raising thousands of dollars in support of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, Herndon High School's after-prom and graduation parties, local parent-teacher associations and organizations, the Holiday Lights Project, and the Veterans Memorial Fund; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its quality programming, Friday Night Live! was named the "Best Free Outdoor Concert in the Washington Metropolitan Area" in 2009 by *The Washington Post* and "BEST of NoVA" in 2012 by *Northern Virginia Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Friday Night Live!, a free event for the community, is made possible with the support of its presenter, Volkswagen Group of America; platinum sponsor, United Bank; and several other gold, silver, and bronze sponsors; and

WHEREAS, the lifeblood of Friday Night Live! is the dedicated organizers and hardworking volunteers who give untold hours of their time to ensure each event's success; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, Friday Night Live! has brought thousands in the community together, becoming an integral part of what makes Herndon a great place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Friday Night Live! on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doug Downer, founder of Friday Night Live!, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his organization's contributions to the community of Herndon.

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