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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 182

Offered February 26, 2020

*Commending Waller & Company Jewelers.*

Patrons—McClellan and Morrissey; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby and Willett

WHEREAS, for 120 years, Waller & Company Jewelers, an African American family-owned retail jewelry business, has served generations of Richmond residents by providing fine products and outstanding jewelry and watch repair services; and

WHEREAS, originally known as M.C. Waller & Sons, Waller & Company Jewelers was established in 1900 by Marcellus Carrington (M.C.) Waller, a determined entrepreneur who taught himself to repair timepieces at a young age; and

WHEREAS, M.C. Waller was a pioneer in Richmond's African American business community, having worked in the insurance, real estate, and grocery businesses before he and his three sons opened M.C. Waller & Sons in the city's Carver district; and

WHEREAS, Waller & Company Jewelers has worked with many local fraternities and sororities, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Masonic organizations to produce jewelry for members, and the company is a frequent participant in community events; and

WHEREAS, Richard Waller, Jr., M.C. Waller's grandson, became the manager of the family business in 1968 and moved Waller & Company Jewelers to a new location on Broad Street, where it has continued its traditions of excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Waller & Company Jewelers on the occasion of its 120th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Waller, Jr., of Waller & Company Jewelers as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of service to the Richmond community.

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