

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 750

*Commending The Virginian-Pilot.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, *The Virginian-Pilot*, a newspaper that has served Hampton Roads and beyond for more than 155 years, won 10 awards in the Society for Features Journalism Excellence-in-Features contest in 2020; and

WHEREAS, *The Virginian-Pilot* won first place in Best Section, Best Special Section, and Best Niche Product; second place in the Finest in Features Sweepstakes award, Food Criticism, and Best Niche Product; third place in Narrative Storytelling; and honorable mentions in Integrated Storytelling, Diversity in Digital Features, and Best Special Section; and

WHEREAS, *The Virginian-Pilot's* 10 awards in various competitive categories were the second-most out of all publications that participated; and

WHEREAS, the awards celebrate the hard work and multimedia storytelling abilities of the staff of *The Virginian-Pilot*, who explored the cuisine of Hampton Roads, the legacy of sharecropping, and an African American woman's search into her Japanese grandfather's past; and

WHEREAS, *The Virginian-Pilot* has placed in the contest for three years in a row, and its magazine *Distinction* was named top in its division for the third year in a row and for the fifth time in seven years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend *The Virginian-Pilot* for its journalistic achievements, both in its daily work and for its award-winning accomplishments; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the staff of *The Virginian-Pilot* as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the newspaper's commitment to excellence.

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