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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 237

Offered February 17, 2022

*Commending the New River Resource Authority.*

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WHEREAS, the New River Resource Authority was formed in 1986 and incorporated in 1987 with the purpose of providing dedicated, responsible, and economical solid waste management services to the New River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the New River Resource Authority's founding members, Robert P. Asbury, Jr., and Thomas Starnes, have served impeccably on the organization's board of directors while representing the City of Radford since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Robert P. Asbury, Jr., and Thomas Starnes have each served the New River Resource Authority in a number of capacities, including as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and budget committee member, while serving as the city manager and the mayor of the City of Radford, respectively, for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Hemings represented the Town of Dublin on the New River Resource Authority Board of Directors for over 20 years, serving as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and budget committee member at various times, while serving on the Dublin Town Council for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, the New River Resource Authority's executive director since 2003, Joseph R. Levine, P.E., has tirelessly and seamlessly administered the mission and vision of the organization's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the foresight and commitment of the New River Resource Authority Board of Directors and the leadership of the organization's executive director have admirably served the New River Valley, providing sustained economic stability and demonstrating exceptional environmental compliance while maintaining the lowest regional tip fees, debt-free operations, and an established reserve fund to address future environmental requirements without additional tax burdens being placed on the region's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the New River Resource Authority for contributing to environmental stewardship and economic stability, for attracting new and prosperous businesses, and for consistently serving the best interests of the citizens of the New River Valley; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Joseph R. Levine, executive director of the New River Resource Authority, and the New River Resource Authority Board of Directors as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for the organization's achievements on behalf of all Virginians.

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