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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 436

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Commending David Stewart Wiley.

Patrons—Head and Rasoul; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, David Stewart Wiley has enriched cultural life in Roanoke as the music director and conductor of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, David Wiley began his musical career at a young age; he holds degrees from Indiana University, the New England Conservatory of Music, and Tufts University; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished career, David Wiley has worked as a conductor, composer, solo pianist, orchestra builder, music arranger, and educator; he has inspired fellow performers and audiences throughout the United States and dozens of countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra has blossomed under David Wiley's leadership, earning high praise for its outstanding performances, diverse and impressive list of guest artists and composers, and innovative commissions of new music; and

WHEREAS, since David Wiley joined the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra in 1996, the organization has expanded its programs, increased its financial stability, and helped its members grow personally and artistically; and

WHEREAS, David Wiley is an active leader in the Roanoke community and was part of the team that helped Roanoke earn its 7th All-America City Award from the National Civic League; and

WHEREAS, David Wiley has composed and recorded several original works, including three piano concerti and a symphonic soundtrack for the movie *Lake Effects*; he has collaborated with many well-known musical artists, including Billy Joel, Jennifer Holiday, Bernadette Peters, John Williams, Bruce Hornsby, Lou Rawls, and Marvin Hamlisch; and

WHEREAS, among many accolades, David Wiley has earned the Roanoke Citizen of the Year Award and the prestigious Perry F. Kendig Award for his service to the performing arts, and he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Stewart Wiley on the occasion of his 25th anniversary with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to David Stewart Wiley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his incredible talents and contributions to cultural life in Roanoke.

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