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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 650

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Commending the Alexandria Harmonizers.

Patrons—Bennett-Parker; Senator: Ebbin

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Alexandria Harmonizers have promoted excellence in the performing arts, supported musical education, enhanced community life in Northern Virginia, and won numerous awards as one of the finest a cappella choruses in the nation; and

WHEREAS, established in 1948 as a harmony club, the Alexandria Harmonizers have grown to become one of Northern Virginia's premier nonprofit musical arts organizations with more than 160 active members; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers stage performances with small ensembles of four to 12 singers, mini-chorus groups of 30 to 45 singers, or large chorus groups of 65 to 75 singers or more; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have performed at many prestigious venues, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall, Constitution Hall, the Lincoln Theatre, Independence Hall, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Disneyland, the United States Capitol Building, the Supreme Court Building, and the White House; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Harmonizers have represented the Commonwealth and the United States at performances in Europe and Asia, including performances at the Notre-Dame de Paris and atop the Great Wall of China; and

WHEREAS, many high-profile artists, including Elizabeth Taylor, Dick Van Dyke, and Kristin Chenoweth have performed with the Alexandria Harmonizers, and the organization has cultivated strong relationships with other choral associations throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the Alexandria Harmonizers have participated in 26 international competitions, earning 19 top-five finishes and four gold medal or first-place finishes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria Harmonizers on the occasion of the organization's 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Alexandria Harmonizers as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the performing arts and commitment to community outreach.

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