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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 819**

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols.

Patrons—Willett, Lopez, Rasoul, VanValkenburg and Ware; Senator: Hashmi

WHEREAS, in 2013, Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols founded Lighthouse Labs, a nonprofit accelerator organization that supports start-up businesses in Central Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Labs is a provisional member of the Global Accelerator Network and provides short-term, mentor-driven accelerator services for high-growth companies in Richmond and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Labs offers a 15-week program that pairs start-ups with mentors who are experienced entrepreneurs; the organization helps new business owners create a business plan, raise capital, and start making money; and

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Labs has successfully launched several new companies in the region, ranging from big data and technology enterprises to small businesses offering consumer-focused products and services; and

WHEREAS, by founding Lighthouse Labs, Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols transformed the business ecosystem in Richmond and laid the foundation for other accelerator organizations such as StartUp Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols for their achievements as founders of Lighthouse Labs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols for their contributions to entrepreneurship in Central Virginia.