HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 819

Commending Larkin Garbee and Todd Nuckols.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023 Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2023

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.