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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

Offered February 14, 2023

*Commending Robert A. Smith.*

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WHEREAS, Robert A. Smith, owner of Grand Springs, Inc., a world-class bottled water distribution company in Alton, was inducted into the International Bottled Water Association's Bottled Water Hall of Fame at the organization's annual meeting on October 26, 2022, in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith has owned and operated Grand Springs for more than 30 years, which sources its water from springs on the company's pristine 495-acre property in Alton to produce a high quality and truly exceptional bottle of water; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, Robert Smith has greatly served the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA) in various leadership capacities including as chairman for the 2019-2020 term on the executive committee and board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith has been instrumental to various committees, working groups, and task forces over his tenure with the IBWA, greatly supporting the advancement of his industry through these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith was inducted into the IBWA Bottled Water Hall of Fame in recognition of his remarkable accomplishments as an entrepreneur, his dedication to his community, and his unwavering devotion to the IBWA and the bottled water industry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith humbly accepted the exclusive and prestigious honor bestowed upon him by the IBWA, crediting his wife, Peggy, and her unflagging encouragement for his success; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith is an embodiment of the spirit of entrepreneurialism that drives the Commonwealth and serves as inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Robert A. Smith, owner of Grand Springs, Inc., hereby be commended for his induction into the International Bottled Water Association's Bottled Water Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert A. Smith as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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