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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 500

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Commending John Forbes Nash, Jr.

Patrons—Kidd, Crouch, Kilgore and Stump; Senator: Reasor

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1994, John Forbes Nash, Jr., was awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Economics; and

WHEREAS, in 1943 and 1944, as a high school student in Bluefield, West Virginia, John Nash attended college classes at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, during his first experience in post-secondary education, in 1944 and 1945 at Bluefield College, John Nash completed 18 credit hours in college-level mathematics, English, and literature; and

WHEREAS, working with his father, John F. Nash, Sr., chief division engineer for Appalachian Electric Power in Bluefield and later in Roanoke, John Nash, Jr., developed the formula for calculating catenary curves in electrical transmission lines that is still used today by power companies to deliver safe, dependable electricity to the people of Southwest Virginia, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, as a doctoral student at Princeton University, John Nash developed the "Nash Equilibrium," a concept that, when used in conjunction with "games theory," has become a valuable tool for economists and military strategists worldwide; and

WHEREAS, after teaching and working on complex mathematical theories at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John Nash returned to Roanoke, where he lived for several years with his parents and his sister, who continues to reside there; and

WHEREAS, the long-term love and support of his family enabled John Nash to make contributions in the fields of mathematics and economics that will continue to benefit Virginians and all mankind for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate Dr. John Forbes Nash, Jr., on his being awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Economics; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. John Forbes Nash, Jr., as an expression of the best wishes of the General Assembly.

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