

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 417

Commending the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 8, 1997

Agreed to by the Senate, January 8, 1997

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, a small group of Arlington County builders met at the office of F. E. "Fritz" Westenberger to form an association to promote Arlington County as the best place in the Washington metropolitan area to build a new home; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, when a shortage of materials made home building a difficult occupation, and into the 1950s, the Arlington Builders' Association became the Northern Virginia Builders' Association, reflecting its expanding scope and membership; and

WHEREAS, through mergers with other associations, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, with current chapters representing the City of Alexandria and the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William, was created in 1986; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association has remained true to its mission: to create an economic and political climate within which the building industry is able to effectively meet the demand for affordable, attractive, safe, well-planned, and environmentally sensitive residential and business communities; and

WHEREAS, the explosive growth of the Northern Virginia area over the past decades is in part attributable to the many contributions of the members of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association; and

WHEREAS, with the complex issues facing Northern Virginia, many of which directly affect the building trades, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association has become an effective advocate for its members, a valued consultant for many governmental entities, and a significant force in the continued economic growth and prosperity of Northern Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association in honor of its 60 years of contributions to Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth.

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