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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 135

Offered January 23, 1998

Commending Akikazu Sakamoto.

Patrons—Drake, Behm, Blevins, Christian, Crittenden, Croshaw, Diamonstein, Hamilton, Joannou, Jones, J.C., Jones, S.C., McDonnell, Melvin, Moss, Purkey, Robinson, Wagner, Wardrup and Williams; Senators: Forbes, Lucas, Maxwell, Miller, Y.B., Quayle, Schrock, Stolle, Walker and Williams

WHEREAS, Akikazu Sakamoto has been the Virginia Port Authority's Tokyo marketing representative for the past 20 years, dating to July of 1977; and

WHEREAS, Akikazu Sakamoto will retire in February 1998 after a long and distinguished career of service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, hired by the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) to handle port-related matters, Akikazu Sakamoto, as the only Virginia representative, was also responsible for conducting business for the Virginia Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Akikazu Sakamoto established the Virginia Port Authority's reputation as a world-class port throughout Asia by being the first VPA representative in Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Republic of China, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Australia; and

WHEREAS, Akikazu Sakamoto has been instrumental in securing major shipping lines for the Port of Virginia, including K-Line, NYK, Mitsui, Toko Line, Tokai Line, OOCL, Evergreen, and NOL; and

WHEREAS, Akikazu Sakamoto has played a vital role in attracting major Japanese investment to the Commonwealth from such companies as Canon, Yupo, and Mitsubishi Chemical; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Akikazu Sakamoto on his long and beneficial service to the Commonwealth and the Virginia Port Authority; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Akikazu Sakamoto as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his exceptional achievements and best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.

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