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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 352

Offered January 18, 1999

Commending Hugh Moomaw.

Patron—Miller, Y.B.

WHEREAS, Hugh Moomaw, a scholar, teacher, historian, and former headmaster, has given full attention to his second career, railroads, since his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the fruit of his labors, a history of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company in Portsmouth, was published in September 1998, just in time for the company's 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, also an avid model railroader, Hugh Moomaw traces his passion for railroads to his childhood in England, where he rode trains to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Moomaw moved to Virginia just before the onset of World War II and began his education at Virginia Tech before the war and a stint in the United States Army intervened; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Hugh Moomaw finished his degree at Washington and Lee University, then earned a doctorate in history at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, through a career that took him from teaching at Randolph-Macon College to a Fulbright Scholarship in London, to the presidency of a small college, and to the headmaster's position at Cape Henry School, Hugh Moomaw kept alive his interest in railroads; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Moomaw's plans include a history of railroads in Virginia and the continued operation of his elaborate model train layout; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly congratulate Hugh Moomaw on the publication of his first book on the history of railroading in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hugh Moomaw as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his continuing interest in the history of Virginia's railroads.

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