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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 491

Offered February 26, 2008

*Commending Nielsen Builders, Inc., on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.*

Patrons—Lohr, Gilbert, Landes and Saxman; Senator: Hanger and Obenshain

WHEREAS, Nielsen Builders, Inc., was founded as J. Nielsen & Co. by Joseph Nielsen in 1908, and the outstanding company has a long history of commercial construction throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Joseph Nielsen and his successors have taken great pride in creating impressive structures throughout the Shenandoah Valley and across Virginia; and

WHEREAS, starting out as an interior designer, Joseph Nielsen moved his company from Leesburg to Harrisonburg in 1917 when he was awarded a contract to decorate First National Bank, which today is Bank of America in downtown Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, in 1924 Joseph Nielsen acquired and assimilated the Harrisonburg building firm of W. M. Bucher and Son and renamed his company Nielsen Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen Construction Company became incorporated as Nielsen Builders, Inc., in 1951, and Joseph Nielsen continued to lead the company until his retirement in 1961, when Rockingham County native Samuel Shrum succeeded him as company president; and

WHEREAS, today, Nielsen Builders, Inc., employs over 230 people in offices located in Harrisonburg and Charlottesville with two divisions, Nielsen Management Group and Nielsen Construction Company, providing consulting services, program management, construction management, and general contracting to design and build; and

WHEREAS, committed to the prosperity of the Commonwealth and the well-being of its citizens, Nielsen Builders, Inc., has been a construction industry leader in Virginia for 100 years, building schools and universities, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and many other quality and innovative structures; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen Builders, Inc., is a proud member and supporter of the Association of General Contractors and the Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, an integral partner of the Harrisonburg community, Nielsen Builders, Inc., is dedicated to providing a safe workplace environment for its employees and "guaranteeing a total quality product to every client"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Nielsen Builders, Inc., on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nielsen Builders, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of the company's many contributions to the Commonwealth and its citizens and best wishes for continued success in the future.

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