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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 207

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Commending the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

Patron—Smith

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., (RVARC) a nonprofit club affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, celebrates its 75th anniversary of providing amateur radio services to the citizens of Roanoke Valley in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., is a nonprofit special interest service club that promotes an interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation; establishes amateur radio networks for electronic communications in the event of a disaster or other emergency; provides service to the greater Roanoke Valley metropolitan area; and fosters education in the field of electronic communication; and

WHEREAS, in providing diverse programs that serve the Roanoke Valley community, RVARC also helps amateur radio operators develop their skills; and

WHEREAS, an integral partner of the Roanoke Valley community, RVARC provides emergency communications support by participating in simulated emergency exercises associated with the American Red Cross and the American Radio Relay League; and

WHEREAS, dedicated RVARC volunteers donate 1,860 hours annually to support the recruitment and training of amateur radio operators through the club's many educational opportunities, and the club sponsors regular license examination sessions so that people interested in amateur radio operation may be tested locally; and

WHEREAS, public service events and activities supported by RVARC range from coordinating parades and races to aiding disaster relief efforts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., also sponsors and maintains two amateur repeater stations to be used for emergency and public service communications; and

WHEREAS, devoted to their hobby, enthusiastic RVARC members generously give their time and considerable expertise to assist anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio and electronic communication; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2008, RVARC and its members and guests held a gala celebration to commemorate 75 years of outstanding service to the greater Roanoke Valley metropolitan area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the club's commitment to the citizens of the Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth.

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