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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5021

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*Commending Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King.*

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Merricks

WHEREAS, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King were honored for their contributions to the community when the Martinsville Police Department selected them as its 2011 Citizens of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mervyn King, a United States Air Force veteran and retired anesthesiologist, and his wife, Virginia, have devoted countless hours to helping revitalize Martinsville's uptown central business district; and

WHEREAS, visionary leaders, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King have bought and remodeled several uptown buildings to attract more residents and businesses to the area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King have strongly supported New College Institute, recognizing the importance of the educational institution to the area's economy and residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King bought and renovated a former furniture store into a classroom building for the school, which named it in their honor; other buildings they have renovated house other classrooms, offices, and a laboratory for the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King were also involved with the restoration and stabilization of the Historic Henry County Courthouse, which now houses the Martinsville-Henry County Historical Society and serves as the Martinsville-Henry County Heritage Center and Museum; and

WHEREAS, true community leaders, Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King have devoted countless hours to enhancing and repurposing many of Martinsville's uptown central business district buildings, with the goal of attracting residents and visitors alike to the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King on being named by the Martinsville Police Department as its 2011 Citizens of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Mervyn and Virginia King as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and respect for their contributions to Martinsville.

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