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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 943

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Commending the Old Bridge Observer.

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WHEREAS, the *Old Bridge Observer*, a respected and widely enjoyed local newspaper, has served Lake Ridge and the surrounding communities for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, as the successor to two other local newspapers, the *Old Bridge Observer* was named for a major road between many of the neighborhoods in the Lake Ridge community, illustrating the newspaper's important role in informing and connecting the community; and

WHEREAS, published twice a month, the *Old Bridge Observer* is mailed directly to all households and businesses in Lake Ridge and 31 other nearby communities; two other local newspapers have followed the *Old Bridge Observer's* successful model, allowing all three newspapers to serve over 90,000 households in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, publishing a wide range of stories on government, land use, schools, community organizations, businesses, and events, the *Old Bridge Observer* provides the residents of the Lake Ridge area with the information they need to remain productive members of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the *Old Bridge Observer* enjoys a loyal and enthusiastic readership; the newspaper is admired for its dedication to publishing positive news stories and for its "hometown feel"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the *Old Bridge Observer* on its 25 years of service to Lake Ridge and the surrounding communities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Randi Deiotte Reid, the editor and publisher of the *Old Bridge Observer*, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the newspaper's dedication to serving Prince William County.

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