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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 119

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Commending Luca Paschina.

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WHEREAS, Luca Paschina, the visionary general manager and winemaker of Barboursville Vineyards, was named one of the 20 Most Admired People in the North American Wine Industry by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine in 2013; and

WHEREAS, winners of the award were nominated and voted on by a panel of the nation's top winemakers, grape growers, wine writers, educators, buyers, sommeliers, and consultants; Luca Paschina was one of only two Virginians named in the top 20; and

WHEREAS, born to a family of vintners in Piedmont, Italy, Luca Paschina worked in the wine industry in Italy, Switzerland, and California and New York in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Luca Paschina came to the Commonwealth as a consultant for Barboursville Vineyards, using his expertise to enhance the vineyard's techniques and practices; he was officially hired in 1991 and went on to craft some Commonwealth's finest wines for over 22 years; and

WHEREAS, tackling the same special challenges faced by Virginia winemakers dating back to Thomas Jefferson, Luca Paschina set out to use his knowledge and intuition to determine which grape varieties and trellises would thrive in the region's climate and soil; and

WHEREAS, through his hard work and attention to detail, Luca Paschina set the standard for winemaking in the Commonwealth; Barboursville Vineyards has won countless gold medals, Governor's Cups, and Monticello Cups; and

WHEREAS, with the help of experts like Luca Paschina, the Virginia wine industry has risen to new heights; Virginia wineries employ almost 5,000 people annually and have drawn record numbers of tourists and visitors to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Luca Paschina has brought great honor to the Commonwealth both nationally and internationally; he is an exemplar of the dedication, creativity, skill, and enthusiasm shown by regional vintners throughout the Commonwealth and the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Luca Paschina on being named one of the 20 Most Admired People in the North American Wine Industry by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Luca Paschina as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional contributions to the Commonwealth's storied tradition of winemaking.

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