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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5063

Offered August 19, 2014

*Commending the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Austin

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center, a nonprofit organization in Clifton Forge that enhances cultural life in Alleghany County by supporting and promoting the visual arts, celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1984 by a group of more than 80 local residents, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center ably carries out its mission to provide education about and opportunities to participate in the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center serves experts and novices of all ages through a wide array of exhibits, programs, and workshops; the Center has featured works from hundreds of artists and crafts people and presented over 400 gallery exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center focuses on the importance of arts education by offering in-house classes and programs for school students; the Center also cosponsors the Artist-in-Education Residency, which has facilitated professional artist residencies at Alleghany County High School and Covington High School for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center is a crucial partner in promoting tourism to Clifton Forge and the Alleghany Highlands; the Center welcomes almost 9,000 art and crafts enthusiasts each year, including visitors from all 50 states and more than 50 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center has built strong relationships with local businesses, civic and service groups, and local and state government organizations; the Center owes much of its success to the hard work and enthusiasm of countless volunteers and the generosity of many donors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its cultural contributions to the Town of Clifton Forge, the Alleghany Highlands, and the Commonwealth.

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