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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5066

Offered September 9, 2014

Commending Bill Jenkins.

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WHEREAS, Bill Jenkins of Gloucester County, a talented musician who preserves the history and heritage of the Commonwealth by playing traditional Virginia music, will be inducted into the Virginia Musical Museum Hall of Fame Room in Williamsburg on August 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Bill Jenkins was raised in Gloucester County and discovered his passion for music at a young age; he played and sang with several groups before forming Bill Jenkins and the Virginia Mountain Boys; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jenkins and the Virginia Mountain Boys reflect the lives of early immigrants in the Appalachian Mountains in a variety of authentic songs, many of which have been handed down through generations; and

WHEREAS, known as much for their skill on acoustic instruments as their complex harmonies, Bill Jenkins and the Virginia Mountain Boys have delighted audiences with folk tunes and camp meeting songs and evoked strong emotions through timeless ballads; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 56-year career, Bill Jenkins has researched and collected countless examples of traditional Virginia music; he and the Virginia Mountain Boys have learned more than 500 songs and can play every one from memory, ensuring that each show is a unique experience; and

WHEREAS, Bill Jenkins has earned national recognition, playing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., in 1964 and 2014; he has also performed on the White House lawn, at the historic American Theater in Hampton, and at many other venues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bill Jenkins on being inducted into the Virginia Musical Museum Hall of Fame Room; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Jenkins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his numerous contributions to the cultural landscape of the Commonwealth and the United States.

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