

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1032

*Commending the Danville Symphony Orchestra.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, the Danville Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its 25th season of providing quality live musical performances and improving the quality of life of the citizens of the Dan River region; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1991, the Danville Symphony Orchestra was developed from an idea by Winston Stephens, then the choral director at George Washington High School, who became the orchestra's first conductor; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Symphony Orchestra provides an outlet for dedicated musicians from Danville and the Dan River region to express and hone their musical talents; and

WHEREAS, comprising volunteer musicians representing a wide range of ages, the Danville Symphony Orchestra offers a unique opportunity for experienced symphony players to mentor the younger players in the orchestra; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Symphony Orchestra is wholly supported by donations, which allow the orchestra to produce a full Danville Concert Season of four to five programs annually at no cost to patrons; and

WHEREAS, the Danville Symphony Orchestra values giving back to the community, and it annually collects non-perishable food and cash contributions during its concert series performances to donate to God's Storehouse, a local food pantry; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Charles Ellis became the first instrumentally trained, seasoned conductor in the Danville Symphony Orchestra's history; he retired in 2010 and continues to serve as conductor emeritus and president of the orchestra's board; and

WHEREAS, for six seasons the Danville Symphony Orchestra has been led by Maestro Peter Perret, retired conductor of the Winston-Salem Symphony, and the orchestra is honored to have the guidance of such a seasoned leader; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Danville Symphony Orchestra on celebrating its 25th anniversary in the 2016 - 2017 season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Maestro Peter Perret, conductor of the Danville Symphony Orchestra, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the orchestra's commitment to giving the residents of the Dan River region a free and wonderful opportunity to experience culture and the arts.

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