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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 495

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association.

Patrons—Thomas; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association, a trade association that has provided advocacy, educational opportunities, and information sharing for the Fredericksburg area building industry, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1968, the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association (FABA) represents thousands of business owners and individuals whose livelihoods are tied to the building and building-related industries; the organization is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders and the Home Builders Association of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, FABA works to maintain a favorable climate for the growth and development of the building industry in the City of Fredericksburg, the surrounding Counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George, Caroline, and Orange, and the areas of Quantico, Dahlgren, and Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, FABA constantly monitors upcoming legislation on the local, state, and national levels and advocates on behalf of its members; it also meets on a regular basis with local building officials as well as planning and zoning staff to stay current on code changes, agendas, and department updates; and

WHEREAS, in addition, FABA works to provide educational opportunities for its members, including training seminars, information sessions, OSHA training, and contract law seminars; and

WHEREAS, FABA facilitates networking and fellowship among its members through lunch clubs, social events, holiday parties, family events, and an annual Parade of Homes; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, FABA has been steadfast in its commitment to aiding its members while promoting high professional standards and advancing the goal of making home ownership possible for all individuals and families in the Fredericksburg area; and

WHEREAS, FABA celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner and awards ceremony on January 20, 2018, at the University of Mary Washington; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association on its years of service to the Fredericksburg area's building community on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fredericksburg Area Builders Association as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its impressive accomplishments and dedication to serving the needs of its members and its community.