

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 764

Commending Appalachian Plastics, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2019

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2019

WHEREAS, in 2018, Appalachian Plastics, Inc., celebrated its 50th anniversary of manufacturing and distributing fiberglass and plastic products in Glade Spring to customers in the mining, appliance, plumbing, and sheet metal fabricating industries; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Plastics, Inc., was started by Herb and Betty DeBusk in 1968; Betty still holds the position of president, and Herb, who died in 2009, worked for several companies like DuPont and Brunswick connected to the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, Appalachian Plastics, Inc., began its manufacturing history in a small garage, building fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) flanges and fiberglass covers for air compressors; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Appalachian Plastics, Inc.'s product lines have changed and evolved; in 2018 the product line ranged from FRP filament-wound light poles and commercial and industrial HVAC ducts to top-of-the-line fiberglass mechanical filters for the aquarium and swimming pool industries; and

WHEREAS, products of Appalachian Plastics, Inc., have been shipped all over the world to locations such as Australia, Guam, and the Middle East, and the company has stayed in the DeBusk family for three generations; and

WHEREAS, the proudest and most difficult moments for the owners of Appalachian Plastics, Inc., were being able to rebuild after the April 2011 tornado, which had made a direct hit on their main manufacturing facility, within a year's time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Appalachian Plastics, Inc., for 50 years of manufacturing and distributing fiberglass and plastic products in Glade Spring to customers in the mining, appliance, plumbing, and sheet metal fabricating industries; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Betty DeBusk, president of Appalachian Plastics, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and best wishes for continued success in the future.

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