HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 356

Commending the Virginia Stage Company.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the Virginia Stage Company, Hampton Roads' leading professional theatre company, is celebrating its 40th season in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Stage Company took over the Wells Theatre in 1979, after being incorporated under other names for 10 years prior; since its inception, the company has produced more than 300 different productions, 28 of which were world premieres, including the Tony Award-winning show, *The Secret Garden*; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Stage Company has performed community engagement and tours in more than a dozen localities; more than two million people have walked through the doors of the Wells Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Stage Company has modernized its facilities, restoring the Wells Theatre through three renovations and stewarding the 100th anniversary of the historic facility in 2012; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Stage Company hereby be commended on the occasion of its 40th season; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Stage Company as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's enduring work to enrich, educate, and entertain the region by creating and producing theatrical art of the highest quality.