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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 383

Offered February 11, 2019

Commending Dewey Leon Fincher.

Patrons—Reeves, Boysko, Edwards, Howell, Peake, Ruff, Spruill and Wagner; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Cole, Delaney, Freitas, Heretick, Hope, Landes, Rasoul and Ware

WHEREAS, Dewey Leon Fincher, an entrepreneur and a respected community leader in Culpeper, received the prestigious L.B. Henretty Outstanding Citizen Award from the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Leon Fincher founded Precision Machine Works, Inc., in 1982, and since its founding the company has created several jobs in the community and produced quality products for high-profile clients; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its 37-year history, Precision Machine Works has sponsored numerous local organizations and events, including Powell Wellness Center, Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, Germanna Community College Educational Fund Monte Carlo Night, Culpeper Fest, Free Clinic of Culpeper Oyster Roast, Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department's annual carnival, American Cancer Society, Culpeper County Sheriff's calendar, Culpeper Air Fest Foundation, and the Mid-Day Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Leon Fincher worked on a citizen task force that created and funded the Daniel Technology Center campus of Germanna Community College and used his knowledge of workforce issues to provide valuable guidance to the center; and

WHEREAS, Leon Fincher also worked diligently for more than 25 years to establish a machinist apprentice program that would help businesses in Culpeper County and the surrounding region find qualified employees; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Leon Fincher participated in a diverse committee to make the machinist apprentice program a reality, and in 2017, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors voted to start the school, referred to as New Pathways Tech; and

WHEREAS, Leon Fincher secured a \$250,000 grant to provide cutting-edge CNC machining equipment for students; as a testament to his role making New Pathways Tech possible, the facility housing this unique school was named the Leon Fincher Building in his honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dewey Leon Fincher, recipient of the L.B. Henretty Outstanding Citizen Award, for his contributions to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dewey Leon Fincher as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of service to his fellow residents of Culpeper.

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