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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 181

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Commending Bob Brown.

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WHEREAS, Bob Brown, senior photographer for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, has been a witness to history as a photojournalist at the Virginia State Capitol for five decades; and

WHEREAS, after working in television for 10 years, Bob Brown joined the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in 1968 to pursue his passion for photography; he has produced beautiful, thought-provoking photos for local sports, weather events, and other news stories and has covered state government since 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his long career, Bob Brown has adapted to changes in the field of photojournalism, transitioning from black and white to color film and eventually digital photography, all while maintaining his talent for capturing complex stories in a single moment; and

WHEREAS, from historic proceedings steeped in decorum and passionate calls to action, to candid negotiations and moments of quiet contemplation, Bob Brown has captured generations of lawmakers conducting the business of the state, and his extensive body of work represents a unique record of the past half-century of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brown has earned many awards and accolades for his photography, including in 2014, when he became the first photojournalist to win the George Mason Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, Virginia Pro Chapter; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, Bob Brown became the fifth journalist affiliated with Richmond newspapers inducted into the Virginia Capitol Correspondents Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his longstanding commitment to journalistic excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bob Brown for his more than 50 years of conveying the work of the General Assembly through an engaging visual medium; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bob Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his keen eye and legacy of contributions to photojournalism.

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