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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 619

Offered January 22, 2021

*Commending Little Oil Company, Inc.*

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WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., a third-generation, family-owned-and-operated business in Henrico County, celebrates 100 years of providing quality fuels and services to the Commonwealth in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Charles Malcolm Little, Sr., founded Little Oil Company in Richmond in 1921, selling kerosene to local businesses and residents off the back of a horse-drawn tank-wagon; he continued to run and expand the company, which was incorporated in 1947, until he passed away in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., was led by the son of Charles Malcolm Little, Sr., Charles, Jr., from 1950 until 1985, and then by one of the daughters of Charles, Sr., Anne Beverley Little Ward, from 1985 until 1991; and

WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., was then led by one of the grandsons of Charles Malcolm Little, Sr., Robert "Bob" C. Slovic, from 1991 until 2002, and continues to operate today under the ownership and leadership of another grandson, W. Stratford Ward, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., has diligently provided quality products throughout the years, including brands such as Esso, Phillips 66, Coastal, Chevron, and Texaco, and currently distributes products under the brands of BP, Citgo, Exxon, Mobil, Pure, Valero, and others; and

WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., operates in multiple states, including the Commonwealth, Maryland, and North Carolina, and its company logo, the "Little Guardian," which was proudly displayed for more than 50 years on bulk storage tanks clearly visible from Interstate 95 just south of Richmond, is widely recognized; and

WHEREAS, Little Oil Company, Inc., has been a strong contributing member of the Virginia Petroleum Convenience and Grocery Association, and its staff members remain dedicated to providing quality motor fuels and top-notch service to customers; and

WHEREAS, today, the staff members of Little Oil Company, Inc., continue to uphold Charles Malcolm Little's values of integrity, respect, quality, and service, providing a consumer experience that is second to none; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Little Oil Company, Inc., on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Little Oil Company, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the company's 100 years of service to the Commonwealth and its citizens.

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