

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 790

Commending The Lawson Companies.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, The Lawson Companies, an award-winning firm specializing in real estate development, building construction, and property management in Hampton Roads, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Lawson Companies was founded in 1972 by Bob Lawson, a veteran of the United States Navy and Vietnam War, who brought years of experience as a builder to bear in establishing a firm that would go on to create and maintain thousands of quality and affordable homes for individuals and families in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, inspired by his father's accomplishments as a businessman and his role in the community, Bob Lawson's son, Steve Lawson, joined The Lawson Companies after earning a master's degree in business administration from Duke University; today, he serves as the firm's board chairman; and

WHEREAS, The Lawson Companies recently relocated its home office to Main Street in Norfolk, bringing the firm back to where it first laid its roots a half-century ago and where many of its signature projects were completed; and

WHEREAS, The Lawson Companies applies a vertically integrated business model, employing expertise in development, construction, property management, and asset management to enhance value at each stage in its projects and in every facet of its operations; and

WHEREAS, The Lawson Companies is one of the leading real estate firms in the Commonwealth, with approximately 1,000 houses and 10,000 apartments in its portfolio, 5,500 units under its current management, and another 1,300 units in development; and

WHEREAS, two communities recently developed by The Lawson Companies, the Seaside Harbor Apartments in Virginia Beach and The Retreat at Harbor Pointe Apartments in Norfolk, have garnered local, state, and national awards as testament to the firm's commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of The Lawson Companies in the firm's pursuit of providing exceptional and cost-effective housing have been made possible through the tireless efforts and devotion of its more than 200 employees; and

WHEREAS, for a half-century, The Lawson Companies has remained steadfast in its dedication to the well-being of its tenants and clients and to making a positive and lasting impact in the communities it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That The Lawson Companies hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Steve Lawson, chairman of The Lawson Companies, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the firm's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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