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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Offered February 9, 2023

*Commending G. Gilmer Minor III.*

Patrons—Norment, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chase, Cosgrove, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Edwards, Favola, Hackworth, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Marsden, McClellan, McDougle, Morrissey, Newman, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Pillion, Reeves, Rouse, Ruff, Saslaw, Stanley, Suetterlein and Vogel

WHEREAS, G. Gilmer Minor III, chairman emeritus of Owens & Minor, Inc., and an accomplished leader in education who has admirably served his community and the Commonwealth for many years, was presented the Outstanding Virginian Award in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer Minor attended St. Christopher's School in Richmond, where he was co-captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams his senior year, receiving all-metro honors in each sport; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Gilmer Minor graduated from Virginia Military Institute (VMI) with a bachelor's degree and went on to earn a master's degree in 1966 in business administration from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, while a student at VMI, Gilmer Minor was a standout athlete on the school's football and baseball teams, serving as co-captain of each team his senior year and later earning an induction into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame for both sports; he also played basketball for the school in his freshman year; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer Minor joined Owens & Minor, Inc., a global health care logistics company headquartered in Richmond, in 1963, serving in sales, operations, and management roles until he was named president and chief operating officer in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer Minor continued to take on greater responsibility at Owens & Minor over the years, becoming chief executive officer in 1984 and chairman of the board in 1994; he then gradually relinquished these responsibilities in the later part of his career, retiring as chairman and chief executive officer in 2005, and continuing as the non-executive chairman until he was named chairman emeritus in 2013; and

WHEREAS, under Gilmer Minor's leadership, Owens & Minor provided vital supply chain services nationally to health care providers, health care product manufacturers, and other entities, greatly supporting the health and well-being of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer Minor gave generously of his time to various civic, professional, educational, and charitable organizations, serving as chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and as member and chair of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Gilmer Minor was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to serve on the Governor's Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation, and Investment; his service in education also included terms on the board of governors of St. Christopher's School in Richmond and as president of both the VMI Board of Visitors and the VMI Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his professional and civic accomplishments, Gilmer Minor has been honored with numerous accolades and awards over the years, including the Distinguished Service Award from the VMI Foundation in 2008, induction into the Junior Achievement of Central Virginia's Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Flame Bearer of Education Award from the United Negro College Fund in 1998; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That G. Gilmer Minor III hereby be commended on his selection as the Outstanding Virginian for 2023; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to G. Gilmer Minor III as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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