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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202

Offered February 7, 2022

Commending the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

Patrons—Byron, Austin, Avoli, Ballard, Brewer, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Keam, Kilgore, Morefield, Murphy, Orrock, Reid, Runion, Walker, Ware and Williams; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Howell, McPike, Newman, Reeves, Ruff and Surovell

WHEREAS, the Virginia Manufacturers Association, an esteemed trade association that admirably represents the interests of various manufacturing businesses of the Commonwealth, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the origins of the Virginia Manufacturers Association date to December 13, 1921, when a committee of Virginia industrialists, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the National Industrial Council convened at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond to consider forming a general organization of Virginia industries; and

WHEREAS, by June 22, 1922, 23 manufacturers had formed the Virginia Manufacturers Association to encourage and support the industries of the Commonwealth and to create a medium for cooperation among the industries to develop and advocate for constructive policies; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Manufacturers Association's first secretary, Mr. Frank G. Louthan, reported in the first annual meeting report that, "it is believed that the association will have to be supported for a time by those who believe in its future and are willing to support it during its infancy without the expectation of a great financial return and that in due time the association will prove itself"; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2022, the Virginia Manufacturers Association and all its members will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the organization and the many visionary industrialists that made it possible; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Manufacturers Association is committed to serving the Commonwealth's 6,750 factories, 230,000 workers, and thousands of suppliers through advocacy, professional development, member benefits programs, and workforce solutions; and

WHEREAS, since 1922, the Virginia Manufacturers Association has worked to ensure the competitiveness, productivity, and profitability of manufacturers and their suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Manufacturers Association is the leading voice for manufacturers in the Commonwealth and regularly consults with state and federal policymakers wishing to preserve and expand the manufacturing sector in order to fully derive the economic and societal rewards it has to offer; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Virginia Manufacturers Association has been instrumental in shaping the Commonwealth's business climate, especially in areas of regulation, energy, taxation, and career and technical education, which has had a positive impact on Virginia's development; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Manufacturers Association has recommitted itself to expanding diverse employment opportunities, increasing capital investments, investing in industry skills development, balancing economic and regulatory needs, expanding the international trade of manufactured goods, and ensuring the manufacturing sector's competitiveness in global and domestic markets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Manufacturers Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Manufacturers Association as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its 100 years of vital service to the Commonwealth.

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