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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered March 1, 2022

Commending John Hugo, D.M.A.

Patron—Cosgrove

WHEREAS, John Hugo, D.M.A., chair of the Department of Music Theory and History at Liberty University and chorus master for the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, masterfully crafted a special duet arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner," our National Anthem, that was performed at the inauguration of Governor Glenn Youngkin on January 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after attending the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied under the legendary Lorna Cooke deVaron, John Hugo earned a doctor of musical arts degree from Arizona State University; and

WHEREAS, director of the Liberty University concert choir since 1988, John Hugo also teaches private voice, music history, and choral conducting and has directed five musicals at the university: *The Most Happy Fella*, *The Mikado*, *Brigadoon*, *H. M. S. Pinafore*, and *Anything Goes*; and

WHEREAS, John Hugo became the chorus master of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra in 1999 and has prepared performances of significant choral and orchestral works there ever since; and

WHEREAS, John Hugo is also an accomplished singer whose performances have included solo roles at Opera Roanoke, the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, and the Liberty University theatre, as well as appearances as a concert soloist with the Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Liberty University Symphony Orchestras; and

WHEREAS, committed to enhancing musical education in the Commonwealth, John Hugo has served as the secretary, vice president, president, and governor of the Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing; and

WHEREAS, John Hugo proudly holds membership with the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the National Association for Music Education, and the Phi Kappa Phi honor society; and

WHEREAS, John Hugo has also supported his craft as an adjudicator for choral auditions of the Virginia chapter of ACDA and the Virginia Music Educators Association; and

WHEREAS, John Hugo has given generously of his talents by conducting school festival choirs in Central Virginia and by leading congregational singing at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg during its weekly services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John Hugo, D.M.A., an esteemed member of the Commonwealth's music community, for composing a special arrangement of the National Anthem in honor of the inauguration of Governor Glenn Youngkin; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Hugo, D.M.A., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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