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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 793

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3 Commending *The Little Theatre of Alexandria*.

4 Patron—

5 WHEREAS, for 90 years, The Little Theatre of Alexandria has presented a variety of high caliber stage
6 productions, including emotional dramas, Broadway musicals, comedies, historical epics, and more, for the
7 benefit of the Northern Virginia community; and

8 WHEREAS, the origins of The Little Theatre of Alexandria date to 1934, when Mary Lindsey, inspired
9 by a community theater in Lynchburg, organized a local drama group known as the Peacock Players, which
10 began to regularly meet at Gadsby's Tavern to plan three one-act plays; and

11 WHEREAS, the Peacock Players incorporated as The Little Theatre of Alexandria a year later and
12 premiered with Holiday by Philip Barry at The Lyceum Hall, which served as the theater's primary stage in
13 its early days; and

14 WHEREAS, The Little Theatre of Alexandria later opened its productions to the public and held
15 performances at Gadsby's Tavern and Carlyle House, as well as at Alexandria's Cameron Street United
16 Service Organizations Center during World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, The Little Theatre of Alexandria was granted a property lease by the Alexandria City
18 Council in 1957, and four years later the company held its first performance in its permanent building at 600
19 Wolfe Street, where it continues to operate today; and

20 WHEREAS, The Little Theatre of Alexandria has played host to a number of dignitaries over the years,
21 including United States presidents, senators, congressmen, and Supreme Court justices, as well as the famed
22 playwright Thornton Wilder, who attended a production of his play Our Town in 1939; and

23 WHEREAS, The Little Theatre of Alexandria has fostered the stage ambitions of the hundreds of actors
24 who have supported its productions, several of whom have gone on to achieve notable success in theater and
25 television; and

26 WHEREAS, as a testament to the quality of its productions, The Little Theatre of Alexandria was
27 presented 58 nominations from the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors in 2023 alone; and

28 WHEREAS, through the steadfast dedication of its members, The Little Theatre of Alexandria has
29 become an exemplar of local theater and an important part of what makes Alexandria a wonderful place to
30 live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That The Little Theatre of Alexandria hereby be commended on
32 the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

33 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
34 presentation to The Little Theatre of Alexandria as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and
35 respect for the theater's contributions to Alexandria and the Commonwealth.

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