HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 517

Commending the Tarara Summer Concert Series.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2025 Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 2025

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, the Tarara Summer Concert Series has been bringing the Leesburg community together under the open sky for world-class musical performances, exceptional wine, and great food: and

WHEREAS, starting with a guitar duo on the back deck of the tasting room at Tarara Winery in Leesburg in 1999, the Tarara Summer Concert Series has since grown into one of the most popular live music venues in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Tarara Summer Concert Series occurs every Saturday from Memorial Day weekend to the end of September, when thousands of concertgoers gather at Tarara Winery's Shadow Lake for a night of enchanting musical entertainment; and

WHEŘEAS, in its 25th anniversary season in 2024, the Tarara Summer Concert Series featured 22 concerts across an array of genres, including rock 'n' roll from various generations, soul, disco, and country; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Tarara Summer Concert Series has led to numerous accolades, including recognition as "Best Music Festival" by *Northern Virginia Magazine* and as "Top Winery with Music" by *USA Today*; and

WHEREAS, the Tarara Summer Concert Series has been made possible through the generosity of several local businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Tarara Summer Concert Series benefit the Bow Tie Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and advancing education with a focus on single-parent households; and

WHEREAS, the Tarara Summer Concert Series has become an integral part of summers in Leesburg over the past quarter-century and an important part of why Leesburg is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Tarara Summer Concert Series for more than 25 years of memorable evenings, music, and fun; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tarara Summer Concert Series as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the event's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.