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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 825

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Commending the Virginia Public Media Corporation.

Patrons—Carr, McQuinn, Ward and Willett

WHEREAS, the Virginia Public Media Corporation, the group owner for Public Broadcasting Service television stations and National Public Radio stations in central and western Virginia, has provided high-quality journalism to residents of the Commonwealth for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Public Media Corporation traces its roots to the establishment of the Central Virginia Educational Television Corporation, which was incorporated as a nonprofit organization by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to use the new technology of television to promote lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Educational Television Corporation was the operator of WCVE-TV, which signed on air on channel 23 for the first time on September 14, 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Educational Television Corporation expanded to radio in the 1980s and changed its name to the Central Virginia Educational Telecommunications Corporation; the corporation continued to thrive and adopted its current name, Virginia Public Media (VPM), in 2019; and

WHEREAS, VPM continues to uphold its longstanding tradition of excellence in public media, connecting nearly two million people across Central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley to news, arts and culture, and educational content across television, radio, digital, and social media platforms; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its 60-year history, VPM's storytelling has evolved in format and platform, but its mission to educate, entertain, and inspire audiences has remained the same, and it has fostered communities of better connected, well-informed, and more empathetic Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Public Media Corporation hereby be commended on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Public Media Corporation as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its award-winning contributions to journalism across the Commonwealth.

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