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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered February 23, 2026

Commending Clarksville Furniture and Flooring.

Patron—Wright

WHEREAS, in 2026, Clarksville Furniture and Flooring, located in historic downtown Clarksville, celebrates the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a business; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Furniture and Flooring traces its roots to the early 1920s, when Franz Julius Liipfert, a skilled artisan who had been making cabinets for Randolph-Macon College, relocated to Clarksville and began manufacturing furniture; and

WHEREAS, with help from Webster Yancey, Odelia Yancey, and Luther Morgan, Franz Liipfert's business flourished, and Clarksville Furniture Company was officially established in 1926; in the early days, the store built and sold its own furniture, but later transitioned to selling high-quality, American-made products from other manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Clarksville Furniture Company was purchased by J.A. Watkins and J.E. Cooper, owners of Watkins-Cooper Funeral Home, and in 1968, the business moved from 301 Virginia Avenue to its current location at 601 Virginia Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Larry Kindley, Jr., who had also worked at Watkins-Cooper Funeral Home, began working for Clarksville Furniture Company in 1981; by the late 1980s, he had become the majority shareholder and had expanded the business by starting to offer flooring, tiling, lighting, and home decor; and

WHEREAS, Larry Kindley cultivated strong relationships with expert subcontractors and focused on building customer loyalty through his commitment to excellence; he worked closely with other longtime employees, such as Tony Vaughan, who continues to manage the flooring team, ensuring that every job is handled with the utmost care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, after 41 years of outstanding leadership, Larry Kindley retired and sold Clarksville Furniture and Flooring to Joe and Michelle Mitchell, maintaining the business's long legacy of family ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell family has upheld Clarksville Furniture and Flooring's reputation as a trusted hometown business, offering high-end furniture from top brands and dozens of styles of residential and commercial flooring options, along with personalized service and expertise; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Clarksville Furniture and Flooring as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the business's longstanding contributions to the Clarksville community.

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