

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 129

Commending the Virginia Retail Merchants Association on 100 years of service to the community.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. ALLEN submitted the following resolution

APRIL 29 (legislative day, APRIL 28), 2005

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Virginia Retail Merchants Association on 100 years of service to the community.

Whereas 2005 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association (referred to in this resolution as the “Association”);

Whereas on May 12, 1905, the Association was formed to encourage, stimulate, extend, and promote the business of retail merchants in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to promote the social, moral, and financial welfare of those engaged in the business of retail merchandising;

Whereas the Association has endeavored to curtail trade abuses in the retail industry and other injurious practices and to secure the cooperation of consumers, retail mer-

chants, and retail suppliers in producing healthy retail trade;

Whereas the Association has worked to secure the enactment of reasonable and proper laws to protect consumers and the retail and services trade;

Whereas it is the goal of the Association to encourage proper and business-like methods in the conduct of business affairs and to advance, by legitimate and fair means, the interests of retail merchants and the free enterprise system;

Whereas, in 1905, the Association chartered the Lynchburg Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in 1906, the Association chartered the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond;

Whereas, in 1907, the Association chartered the Petersburg Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in 1913, the Association chartered the Hampton Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in 1919, the Association chartered the Danville Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in the 1950s, the Association chartered the Franklin County Retail Merchants Association and the Williamsburg Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in subsequent years, the Association chartered the South Boston Retail Merchants Association and Charlottesville Retail Merchants Association;

Whereas, in 1978, the Association formed the Virginia Retail Political Action Committee or VARPAC;

Whereas the Association and its retail member associations represent more than 5,400 retailers and other associated

businesses throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia;
and

Whereas the Association has been an active proponent of the
free enterprise system for 100 years: Now, therefore, be
it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Virginia Retail Merchants
3 Association on its 100th anniversary; and

4 (2) recognizes its years of service to the retail
5 community.

○