

## 2005 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 854

*Commending the River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm and Bay Friendly Farm Awards.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2005

Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 2005

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is the lead agency for the Clean Water Farm Awards and the Bay Friendly Farm Awards program; and

WHEREAS, legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1998 allowed a new program emphasis and enabled the DCR to promote the program better across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Awards and the Bay Friendly Farm Awards further the Commonwealth's water quality goals by recognizing farmers actively engaged in nutrient management practices and other important conservation practices that control agricultural nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, the DCR and Virginia's 47 soil and water conservation districts have assisted farmers for many years with education, technical assistance, and incentive programs for nutrient reduction and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award or the Bay Friendly Farm Award recognized 39 farms as winners in 2004; and

WHEREAS, at the December 2004 meeting of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 10 River Basin Grand Winners were selected and announced by the DCR; and

WHEREAS, those 10 winners are:

James River Basin—Rick Watkins, Land Vue Farm, Amelia;

Big Sandy/Tennessee River Basin—Tim Altizer, Tazewell;

Rappahannock River Basin—Joe Johnson and family, Clover Hill East, L. P. Farm, Madison;

Chowan River Basin—Roger Fowler and Chad Fowler, Suffolk;

Potomac River Basin—Brian and Christine Tipton, Misty Run Farm, Nokesville;

New River Basin—Steve Fast, Floyd;

Shenandoah River Basin—Richard Morris, Rockingham;

York River Basin—Robert and Jan Massey, Cool Spring Farm, Spotsylvania;

Coastal Basin—William and Melinda Thornton, Hallwood;

Roanoke River Basin—Roger Jefferson, Mountain View Farm, Pittsylvania; and

WHEREAS, these 10 farms were selected from the 39 Clean Water Farm Award and Bay Friendly Farm Award winners to represent Virginia's 10 major river basins and to recognize their exemplary efforts in following nutrient management plan objectives and implementing best management practices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm and Bay Friendly Farm Awards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to each of the 10 River Basin Grand Winners as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the outstanding conservation achievements these members of the agricultural community demonstrate through their commitment to conserving Virginia's natural resources.

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