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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 139

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*Commending Disco Sports.*

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WHEREAS, Disco Sports, a family-owned and operated sports retailer serving the Greater Richmond area, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Gail and Lew Held founded Lew's Sporting Goods in the Ridge Shopping Center in Henrico County in 1970 and three years later renamed the business Disco Sports when relocating to nearby Parham Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Disco Sports has called several locations in the Tuckahoe neighborhood of Henrico County home over the years, including Regency Square Mall and the Westbury Shopping Center, and has been at its current location on Starling Drive since 2006; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its flagship in the Tuckahoe neighborhood of Henrico County, Disco Sports also operated a store in Chesterfield County from 1978 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1990s, Disco Sports refocused its efforts toward supplying uniforms and other equipment to local sports teams, and today, the business annually serves hundreds of teams across the Greater Richmond area, accounting for a major part of the store's operations and revenue; and

WHEREAS, Gail and Lew Held were inducted in 1997 to the Central Virginia American Softball Association Hall of Fame because of their exceptional sponsorship of local teams; and

WHEREAS, through its various iterations, Disco Sports has consistently provided quality sporting goods and exceptional service to the countless young athletes and their families that have passed through its doors, building a loyal and adoring customer base and becoming a venerated local institution in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, Disco Sports has often embraced its role in the community by engaging in numerous charitable endeavors, from donating uniforms to teams in need to spearheading a "Hokie Nation" fundraising campaign following the tragedy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2007; and

WHEREAS, despite the unprecedented challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Disco Sports remains committed to serving the sports equipment and apparel needs of teams and families in the Greater Richmond area for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Disco Sports, a celebrated sports retailer in Henrico County, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gail and Lew Held, owners of Disco Sports, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the store's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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