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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 401

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending the Islamic Center of Henrico.

Patron—VanValkenburg

WHEREAS, for many years, the Islamic Center of Henrico has provided opportunities for worship and spiritual growth to Muslims in Henrico County while offering generous outreach programs to the wider community; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico opened during Ramadan in 2015 and was the first mosque constructed in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico has built strong partnerships with other organizations to provide food assistance to the homeless during Ramadan and around the year; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico has organized events to help immigrants settle into their new homes in Henrico County and worked with resettlement agencies to provide support to refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico has organized and supported efforts to develop strong interfaith relations with other religious communities; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico strives to bring people of all different cultural backgrounds together to promote social equality in the region and works with local and state officials to identify and meet the needs of the wider community; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Islamic Center of Henrico coordinated with other organizations to distribute food and other necessities to people in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Islamic Center of Henrico for its work to support the Muslim community in Henrico County and its generous outreach to local residents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Islamic Center of Henrico as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its achievements on behalf of the community.

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