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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 129

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending M. Siddique Sheikh.*

Patron—Mundon King

WHEREAS, M. Siddique Sheikh, a respected entrepreneur and business leader, has worked diligently to increase ties between the United States and Pakistan as founder of the United States Pakistan International Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Siddique Sheikh grew up in Pakistan and immigrated to the United States in 1969; he has since become an engaged member of the Northern Virginia community, currently serving on the Northern Virginia Community College Board of Visitors, the Advisory Board of BB&T Bank, the National Diversity Board through BB&T Bank, the Fairfax County Economic Advisory Commission, and the local Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Siddique Sheikh founded the Pakistan American Business Association, now known as the United States Pakistan International Chamber of Commerce (USPICC) as of 2020, and has promoted business cooperation between both countries as chairman, president, and executive director of the organization; and

WHEREAS, under Siddique Sheikh's leadership, the USPICC became the only organization to perform bell ceremonies at the Nasdaq stock exchange twice; and

WHEREAS, Siddique Sheikh maintains a wide range of business interests and has hosted multiple career fairs and trade shows throughout Northern Virginia; he serves as a local advisory board member and a member of the National Diversity Council; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the George Mason University Board of Visitors, Siddique Sheikh promoted ties with higher education institutions in Pakistan, including the National University of Sciences and Technology and the University of Karachi, creating myriad new opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, Siddique Sheikh was also appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to serve on the Transportation Accountability Commission and by Governor Jim Gilmore to serve on the Virginia Lottery Commission; and

WHEREAS, Siddique Sheikh has volunteered his wise leadership to support the Muslim community in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area and has promoted a strong sense of community spirit among Pakistani Americans in the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That M. Siddique Sheikh hereby be commended for his service to the Commonwealth as a businessman and philanthropist; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to M. Siddique Sheikh as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements in service to the Pakistani American community in Virginia.

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