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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Offered January 19, 2022

Commending the Richmond Chapter of the Islamic Circle of North America Relief.

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WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter of the Islamic Circle of North America Relief has greatly served its community through a series of food and school supply distributions in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief is an organization dedicated to supporting individuals and families in need through its nationwide network of programs and services, including shelters, food pantries, health clinics, educational programs, and disaster relief and refugee services; and

WHEREAS, ICNA Relief frequently works alongside governmental agencies and major non-governmental organizations to fulfill its mission; in 2021, the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief partnered with Henrico County Public Schools and Chesterfield County Public Schools to facilitate its distribution efforts; and

WHEREAS, throughout the summer, volunteers with the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief at the Masjid Al Falah food pantry in Lakeside assembled bags of food, which included fresh poultry, vegetables, bread, and canned goods, in preparation for monthly distributions at Quioccasin Middle School in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its food drive, the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief prepared backpacks with school supplies and hygiene packs with sanitation products to assist families facing the difficult transition back to in-school learning and other challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, from January to October 2021, the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief distributed 454,346 pounds of food, reaching 45,130 individuals and providing a service valued at \$1.2 million; additionally, the group provided 599 COVID-19 vaccines, 7,550 hygiene packs, and 1,000 backpacks with supplies to underserved individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief are a testament to the overwhelming generosity of its volunteer members and donors and the sage guidance of its leaders, including Amir Saeed, chief information officer of ICNA Relief USA; and

WHEREAS, by working to ensure that no individual in the Greater Richmond area goes hungry and that no child is ill-equipped for learning, the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief has helped to make the Commonwealth a more welcoming place for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Richmond Chapter of the Islamic Circle of North America Relief hereby be commended for its steadfast efforts to serve the members of its community in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond Chapter of the Islamic Circle of North America Relief as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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