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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 362

Offered March 4, 2022

*Commending Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs.*

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WHEREAS, Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs, a family owned and operated business that is one of the oldest purveyors of fine, hand-woven carpets in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, fleeing the Ottoman Empire during the Armenian genocide, the Manoukian brothers settled in Washington, D.C., and initially entered into the grocery business; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, one of the brothers, Manouk, opened a rug shop on Washington Circle and ultimately his brothers, Noury, Moses, and Mishel, banded their own rug and antique shops together to establish Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the Manoukian brothers have specialized in the sale and service of traditional hand-knotted rugs from Asia and the Middle East, developing relationships with some of the industry's leading wholesalers; and

WHEREAS, Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs has professionally served the home and office furnishing needs of innumerable customers while also providing rugs and service to some of the most notable institutions in the area, including the United States Capitol, the United States Supreme Court, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Cathedral, Blair House, and the Smithsonian Institution; and

WHEREAS, Paul Manoukian, son of the youngest Manoukian brother, Moses, took over Manoukian Brother Oriental Rugs after retiring from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and ran the business with his wife, Dona, for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs continues the family tradition of ownership and management by Paul's wife Dona and Mikael, their son, and the business is now located on Columbia Pike in Arlington where customers continue to enjoy the same quality of service they have experienced for the past century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Manoukian Brothers Oriental Rugs as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the business's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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