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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Offered March 4, 2022

*Commending the ICNA Relief Resource Center.*

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WHEREAS, the ICNA Relief Resource Center in Henrico County has worked with area mosques and other organizations to provide food and other necessities to local residents and organize vaccination clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of the pandemic, several area mosques met to discuss how to best meet the community's needs and selected the Islamic Center of Henrico as a central location to serve local families; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico coordinated with the Islamic Center of Richmond, the West End Islamic Center, the Islamic Center of Virginia, the Muslim Community Center of Chesterfield, the Tri-City Islamic Center, and the Petersburg Islamic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic Center of Henrico and its partner organizations contacted the Richmond Chapter of ICNA Relief, a faith-based humanitarian organization, to form the ICNA Relief Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the ICNA Relief Resource Center began serving 50 families in April 2020 and was soon serving as many as 300 families each month, supported by generous donations from community members; and

WHEREAS, the ICNA Relief Resource Center further expanded its efforts through a partnership with For Richmond, a nonprofit Christian organization that helps church leaders coordinate responses to community-wide issues; and

WHEREAS, the ICNA Relief Resource Center also developed partnerships with Feed More and Henrico County Public Schools to extend its outreach; and

WHEREAS, after 18 months of operation, the ICNA Relief Resource Center moved to a standalone location near the Islamic Center of Henrico and now provides COVID-19 vaccinations, counseling, and computer training, along with food, household goods, and clothing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the ICNA Relief Resource Center hereby be commended for its contributions to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the ICNA Relief Resource Center as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the center's accomplishments.

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