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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 397

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*Commending the 314 workers at the Levi Strauss & Co. plant in Warsaw.*

Patrons—Pollard, Abbitt, Amundson, Clement, Cranwell, DeBoer, Dickinson, Hull, Joannou, Morgan, Phillips, Stump, Tate and Woodrum; Senators: Bolling and Chichester

WHEREAS, the 314 workers at the Levi Strauss & Co. plant in Warsaw devoted years of loyal service to the company since the plant's opening in 1953; and

WHEREAS, despite the closing of the plant and the loss of their employment in 1999, the workers feel privileged to have worked at Levi Strauss & Co.; and

WHEREAS, these workers collectively show no anger and express gratitude for the years that the company paid them what they consider a fair wage and are thankful for the bonuses and discount clothing; and

WHEREAS, these individuals rely on the qualities inherent to those in the Northern Neck and passed down by parents and grandparents, such as resilience, determination, and hope; and

WHEREAS, almost all of the workers have attended job retraining classes that Levi Strauss & Co. provided, along with educational benefits, seed money, job counseling, severance pay, and bonuses based on years of service; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have supported each other in building new careers, attending general equivalency programs or college classes, and developing business proposals; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers are planning, after training, to provide nursing care to the sick and elderly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby express its pride in these people of the Northern Neck and wish them success in their chosen endeavors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Richmond County Board of Supervisors, to be held on behalf of the former employees of the Levi Strauss & Co. plant in Warsaw.

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