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Commending Daisaku Ikeda.

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WHEREAS, Daisaku Ikeda, a philosopher, peace-builder, and educator, is recognized for his many contributions to promoting peace in a challenging world; and

WHEREAS, Daisaku Ikeda is the recipient of over 250 honorary doctorates throughout the world and serves as the president of the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), a lay association of Nichiren Buddhists that promotes peace, culture, and education; and

WHEREAS, as president, Daisaku Ikeda submits an annual peace proposal that explores the interrelation between core Buddhist concepts and the diverse challenges global society faces in an effort to realize peace and human security; and

WHEREAS, the "Soka Gakkai," which means value-creating society, was founded in 1930 in Japan and has spread to 192 countries and territories around the world; and

WHEREAS, under President Ikeda's leadership, many cultural and educational institutions from kindergarten to schools of higher learning have been founded all over the world, including Soka University of America in California; and

WHEREAS, among the 90 SGI centers established in America, one center is located in Northern Virginia and one center is located in Virginia Beach, where members have been practicing this philosophy as early as 1960; and

WHEREAS, SGI, the umbrella group of Soka Gakki organizations worldwide, is celebrating the 34th anniversary of its founding on January 26, 1975; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Daisaku Ikeda on his visionary leadership of Soka Gakkai International; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Daisaku Ikeda as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of his many achievements and best wishes on a joyful anniversary celebration.

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