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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 488

Offered March 8, 2010

Commending Dr. Quan Nguyen.

Patrons—Kory, Brink, Ebbin, Englin, Keam, Plum, Scott, J.M., Surovell, Toscano and Watts; Senator: Whipple

WHEREAS, Dr. Quan Nguyen is recognized in 2010 on the occasion of Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, for his leadership in the Vietnamese-American community, the Commonwealth, and the nation;

WHEREAS, celebrated for seven days in February, Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, is one of the most significant and popular Vietnamese holidays, and 2010 is recognized as the Year of the Tiger; and

WHEREAS, committed to a vision of a democratic Vietnam, Dr. Quan Nguyen is a passionate advocate for human rights and the well-being of the Vietnamese people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quan Nguyen is the brother of Nguyen Dan Que, known as Nguyen Chau, a Vietnamese endocrinologist and prodemocracy campaigner and the leading dissident against the communist government in Vietnam; Nguyen Chau has been imprisoned without trial several times for bravely speaking out in support of freedom for his country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quan Nguyen helps keep his brother's hopes for a democratic Vietnam alive by

raising awareness and garnering support in America; and

WHEREAS, an inspirational speaker and an excellent and knowledgeable leader, Dr. Quan Nguyen led a delegation, the International Committee for Freedom to Support the Non-Violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam, at the Laotian Human Rights Conference in October 2009; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to helping people in need, Dr. Quan Nguyen generously gives his time and expertise to many civic organizations and tirelessly promotes a free Vietnam to groups across Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quan Nguyen has received many awards and accolades over the years for his many contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Quan Nguyen for his leadership in the Vietnamese-American community, the Commonwealth, and the nation on the occasion of Tet, the Vietnamese New Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Quan Nguyen as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his ideals and appreciation of his many accomplishments.