HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375

Commending the Volcom Give Jeans a Chance 2011 program in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2012

WHEREAS, by collecting more than 13,000 pairs of jeans and jackets—staples of a teenager's wardrobe—the Volcom Give Jeans a Chance 2011 clothing drive in Virginia provided fashionable and up-to-date clothing to residents of homeless shelters in the Virginia Beach area; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Volcom Give Jeans a Chance effort, which was held from November 1 to December 9, 2011, was sponsored and hosted by Volcom, Inc., Coastal Edge, and local Virginia

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) chapters; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 participants in the Give Jeans a Chance effort were students, teachers, and families in the Mid-Atlantic area; students in Northern Virginia donated more than 5,000 jeans and jackets, and 2,000 pieces of clothing came from students on the Outer Banks of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Give Jeans a Chance 2011 is an international effort of the Volcom, Inc., clothing company; locally, Coastal Edge stores had a major leadership role, but ultimately it was the enthusiasm of the students, many of whom are involved in their schools' Virginia DECA chapters, that ensured the program's success; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Give Jeans a Chance event was to collect 1,000 pairs of jeans and/or jackets per DECA chapter; the goal was far exceeded with more than 13,000 jeans and jackets being

donated; and

WHEREAS, when students delivered the clothing to local homeless shelters, the jeans and jackets were especially appreciated by the residents and it was a gratifying experience for many of the participants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Volcom Give Jeans a Chance 2011 program in Virginia for its highly successful school-based

jeans donation program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Volcom Give Jeans a Chance 2011 program in Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its work with the homeless.