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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 495

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Commending the Indian American community of Northern Virginia.

Patrons—Ramadan, LeMunyon, Albo, Comstock, Filler-Corn, Greason, Howell, W.J., Hugo, May, Miller, Minchew and Rust; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, the Indian American community of Northern Virginia plays a vital role in the economic prosperity and rich cultural fabric of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Indian American community of Northern Virginia has grown exponentially over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, Indian American community members include highly educated technology professionals and entrepreneurs who make substantial contributions to the area's research, technological, and development-oriented companies located along the Dulles Technology Corridor, also known as the Netplex and the Silicon Valley of the East Coast, and skilled and compassionate physicians who provide outstanding medical care to local residents; and

WHEREAS, the growth in the Indian American community has resulted in the proliferation of businesses and organizations that not only serve Indian Americans but provide an opportunity for other local residents to learn and experience Indian American culture; and

WHEREAS, from restaurants that specialize in Indian cuisine to studios that teach traditional Indian dance to theaters that show Bollywood movies, Indian American businesses and the Indian American community are helping to expand the cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity of the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Indian American community of Northern Virginia for its many contributions to the economy and culture of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Rajdhani Mandir Hindu Temple of Chantilly as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the Indian American population in Virginia.