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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 725**

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Commending the Asian American Society of Central Virginia.

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Patrons—Carr, Kory, Loupassi, McQuinn and Morrissey; Senator: Marsh

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia welcomed community members to the 15th Annual Asian American Celebration on May 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1998, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia brings together the Asian American communities of Central Virginia, raises awareness of Asian heritage, participates in community events, and promotes cultural diversity; and

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WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia is currently working with Virginia
Commonwealth University's School of Social Work on a needs assessment survey of the Asian
community in the Richmond Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia has partnered with the American Red Cross to help collect funds specifically for disaster victims overseas; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia has participated in regional events hosted by the Children's Museum of Virginia, National Folk Festival, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Science Museum of Virginia, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and Chesterfield and Henrico Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia also promotes physical fitness and healthy living by hosting various health fairs and sports tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia held its 15th Annual Asian American Celebration on May 5, 2012, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the 15th Annual Asian American Celebration offered cultural exhibits, delectable cuisine, entertaining and educational performances, and a variety of activities for children; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Society of Central Virginia has made many contributions to Central Virginia while educating the public about Asian culture and the contributions of all Asian Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Asian American Society of Central Virginia on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Annual Asian American Celebration; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Malik Khan, chair of the board of the Asian American Society of Central Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for the organization's contributions to Central Virginia.