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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 448

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Commending the Bodacious Bazaar & Art Festival.

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WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner owns the highly successful Bodacious Bazaar & Art Festival held in November at the Hampton Convention Center; in the last three years, she has donated more than \$20,000 in booths and funds to local charitable groups; and

WHEREAS, during the previous three Bodacious Bazaar & Art Festivals held in the autumn, patrons donated more than 300 pints of blood to the local blood bank; Tidewater-area residents have embraced the show, enthusiastically supporting local craftspeople and merchants; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural Bodacious Boardwalk Bazaar & Spring Festival will be held on the grounds of historic Fort Monroe on the Hampton waterfront on May 2, 3, and 4, 2014; it is an extension of the indoor event that has been held for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Bodacious Bazaar & Spring Festival in Hampton will bring together artists, crafters, and food vendors for a fun-filled, three-day event at Fort Monroe and will raise funds for several Hampton Roads nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, some special attractions that will be featured at the Bodacious Boardwalk Bazaar & Spring Festival include horse-drawn carriage rides and Civil War reenactments; a portion of the festival's proceeds will be donated to associations supporting historic Fort Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner's business enterprise, which is based in Poquoson, is family-owned and operated; her goal is to offer top-quality shopping festivals and to support nonprofit organizations in the Hampton Roads area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Bodacious Bazaar & Art Festival for bringing together artists, crafters, and food vendors and for raising funds for several nonprofit organizations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sandra Gardner, owner of the Bodacious Bazaar & Art Festival, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its support of local artisans and food vendors and its generous donations to nonprofit organizations in Hampton Roads.

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