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Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Union Tae Kwon Do Center.

Patron—Ramadan

WHEREAS, Union Tae Kwon Do Center has helped students in the South Riding community achieve self-discipline and lead healthy lifestyles for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, founded by longtime martial artists Randy and Lucia Faleski, Union Tae Kwon Do Center has imparted the values of the school's motto, "Hard Work Equals High Achievement," to thousands of students since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Taekwondo, a modern Korean martial art, combines self-defense techniques with sport, exercise, and physical and mental discipline; and

WHEREAS, today, the dedicated employees of Union Tae Kwon Do Center, including the Faleskis' daughter, Cecilia, teach students between the ages of five and 60 at two locations in the area; and

WHEREAS, students at Union Tae Kwon Do Center may earn up to 10 different belts as they advance through the ranks; the center's students have shown exceptional commitment to the art, staying with the program for an average of five years; and

WHEREAS, Union Tae Kwon Do Center strives to support and encourage the youth of the community, offering extensive after-school programs and placing a high emphasis on academic achievement; the center led martial arts and fitness activities at four different science, technology, engineering, and mathematics camps in 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Union Tae Kwon Do Center hereby be commended on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Union Tae Kwon Do Center as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the center's outstanding service to the South Riding community.