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Offered April 9, 2014

Commending Annette Carter.

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WHEREAS, Annette Carter, a business owner in Bedford County, provides hope and support to individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their families by generously dedicating her time and talents to fundraising and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, after losing her husband, Jim, to Alzheimer's disease in 2011, Annette Carter made it her personal mission to help find a cure for the disease, which affects more than 5 million Americans, including more than 130,000 in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, during the 2013 Roanoke Walk to End Alzheimer's, Annette Carter raised \$12,860, making her one of the top 100 individual fundraisers in the nation, and she has already organized her team for the 2014 event; and

WHEREAS, Annette Carter and her friends have also made and sold quilts; held bake sales, yard sales, and a car show; and purchased and sold purple jewelry, with all proceeds benefitting the Alzheimer's Association; she currently has a Fourth of July fireworks sale planned for June 22 through July 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the movement to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, Annette Carter has attended several workshops and forums on dementia and traveled to Washington, D.C., to raise awareness among federal legislators; and

WHEREAS, receiving national recognition for her efforts, Annette Carter was honored by the Alzheimer's Association at its National Leadership Summit in February 2014, and she plans to continue her benevolent work to help others and honor her husband's memory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Annette Carter hereby be commended for her work to raise money and awareness for efforts to cure Alzheimer's disease; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Annette Carter as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her selfless mission to support individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families in the Commonwealth.

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