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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 528

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Commending the Northern Virginia Bengali Association.

Patron—Ramadan

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association, a charitable, nonprofit organization in Chantilly, has worked to represent the Bengali community and promote Bengali culture in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, established in 1989, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association comprises members from the Counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, as well as neighboring counties, parts of Maryland, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association ably represents the interests of the Bengali-speaking population in the area and works to preserve and promote language, culture, and religious and social traditions; and

WHEREAS, uniting people of all faiths and backgrounds, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association supports the community by hosting educational, religious, and charitable events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, each April, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association celebrates Poila Boishakh, the first day of the Bengali calendar, with area residents volunteering to organize festivities and contribute traditional dishes; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Bengali Association also hosts a weekend-long cultural and religious festival called Durgostav, a traditional event that celebrates the triumph of good over evil and draws hundreds of people from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Bengalis play an integral role in the Northern Virginia community, making valuable contributions to numerous professions, organizations, the fine arts, and local community affairs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Northern Virginia Bengali Association hereby be commended on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Northern Virginia Bengali Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's long tradition of service to members of the Northern Virginia community.

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