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Commending Mountain Kim Martial Arts.

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, Mountain Kim Martial Arts, a taekwondo and martial arts school that has instilled discipline and physical fitness in countless students, celebrates its 45th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Kim Martial Arts was founded by Mountain Kim, a Korean taekwondo grandmaster, who won several martial arts tournaments in Asia; after moving to the United States, he started his first taekwondo school in 1973 in the basement of a small building in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, the success of Mountain Kim Martial Arts' original location helped fuel increased interest in taekwondo and self-defense; in the years since its founding, the business has expanded to include several franchises in Virginia and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Kim Martial Arts schools offer instruction in taekwondo to children and teenagers; classes focus on self-defense skills and physical conditioning, as well as building mental concentration, self-confidence, and respect for others; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Kim Martial Arts provides an after-school program for children which combines time for homework with games and martial arts instruction; each year, the school also hosts a martial arts summer camp; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its classes for children, Mountain Kim Martial Arts offers classes for adults in a variety of martial arts, including taekwondo, judo, and hapkido; and

WHEREAS, over its many years of success, Mountain Kim Martial Arts' dedicated staff and instructors have served as positive role models for their students and encouraged self-respect and healthy life choices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mountain Kim Martial Arts, on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, for providing rewarding self-defense instruction to its students; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mountain Kim Martial Arts as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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