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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 847

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Commending Ellwood Thompson's.

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bourne, McQuinn and Rodman; Senators: Dance, McClellan and Sturtevant

WHEREAS, in 2019, Ellwood Thompson's, a local market in Richmond, celebrates its 30th anniversary of bringing people fresh food, engaging the community, and helping the environment; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1989, Ellwood Thompson's was originally known as City Market, a 3,000-square-foot community market opened and run by Rick Hood and Eric Walters, located near the intersection of Libbie Avenue and Patterson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, with an eye to expanding their offering of local, organic foods, the market moved to a bigger home in 1993 at Ellwood Thompson's current 20,000-square-foot location at its namesake intersection by Carytown; and

WHEREAS, with Rich Hood becoming the sole owner, Ellwood Thompson's has continued to grow to employ 150 people, with a full-service meat and seafood department, in-house bakery, coffee and juice bar, made-to-order food station, and dining and event space; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Ellwood Thompson's continues to expand its culinary enterprises, opening a cafe at Virginia Commonwealth University's Institute of Contemporary Art in 2018 and soon opening a new farm venture in Hanover County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ellwood Thompson's on the occasion of its 30th anniversary of bringing people fresh food, engaging community events, and helping the environment; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rick Hood, owner of Ellwood Thompson's, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the business's longevity and best wishes for continued success in the future.

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