

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 292

Commending Stop the Flooding NOW.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, for two years, Stop the Flooding NOW, a grassroots, nonpartisan organization of self-educated volunteers, has worked to address recurrent flooding of homes and businesses in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW was established in 2016, when over 1,000 Virginia Beach residents experienced flooding after Hurricane Matthew; a group of concerned citizens formed the organization to raise awareness and seek local, state, and federal support for flood mitigation; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW has given speeches and presentations at Virginia Beach City Council meetings to advocate for citizens' rights regarding the protection of their homes and businesses and to promote flooding solutions through science, engineering, and financing from both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW has grown into a valuable educational resource for all residents of Virginia Beach to learn about recurrent flooding, sea level rise, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW has worked with other groups concerned with flooding throughout the country, including churches, civic organizations, Flood Forum USA, and Thriving Earth Exchange and its Community Science Connect program sponsored by the American Geophysical Union; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW partnered with the Thriving Earth Exchange for one year and worked with Old Dominion University's Dr. Michelle Covi to study the effects of sea level rise, flooding, and climate change on Hampton Roads, resulting in a public engagement event that raised significant awareness of those issues; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Flooding NOW encourages local, state, and federal officials to prioritize flooding as a threat to the security and vitality of the nation, and strives to leverage partnerships with public officials, educational institutions, scientific organizations, businesses, and residents to prevent and control flooding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Stop the Flooding NOW hereby be commended for its service to the residents of Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stop the Flooding NOW as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's work to protect the homes and businesses of community members affected by flooding.

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