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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 342

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Warrenton Pony Show.

Patrons—Webert, Cole and Guzman

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the Warrenton Pony Show, the oldest pony show in America, has fostered a love of equestrian sports among the members of the Warrenton community, especially young people; and

WHEREAS, many years ago, young, enthusiastic equestrians were inspired by the Warrenton Horse Show to create an event of their own; the event is organized, promoted, and put on by a junior committee of equestrians 18 years of age and younger; the junior committee is involved in every aspect of the show, including timetable discussions, fundraising, ribbon presentations, merchandise sales, and site maintenance, making it the only show of its kind in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, a senior committee of mothers of junior committee members formed the Warrenton Pony Show, Inc., ensuring the event's continuity for years to come; the senior committee advises the junior committee and instructs the young equestrians on how to produce a successful horse show; and

WHEREAS, each year, the junior committee selects a charity to support with proceeds from the event; previous beneficiaries include the Fauquier SPCA, the Boys & Girls Club of America, and many other local businesses and charities; since 2006, the Warrenton Pony Show has raised nearly \$60,000 for the Fauquier SPCA alone; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Pony Show has been a formative, character-building event for generations of Fauquier youth, and an inspiration to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Warrenton Pony Show hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th edition; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tommy Jones, president of the Warrenton Pony Show senior committee, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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