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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 363

Offered February 19, 2019

Commending Duaah Hammad.

Patron—Bell, John J.

WHEREAS, Duaah Hammad has promoted a message of unity and inclusivity through her self-published book *Finding Home*; and

WHEREAS, Duaah Hammad, a Northern Virginia Community College student, wrote her book, *Finding Home*, as a senior capstone project at Freedom High School in South Riding in 2017 to address her experiences as a first-generation Pakistani immigrant and feelings of not quite fitting in in either country; and

WHEREAS, Duaah Hammad's family immigrated to the United States when Duaah was three years old; she was encouraged to write about her experiences by her school principal, Doug Fulton, to merge her literary strengths with her love for engaging in political discussions and activism; and

WHEREAS, Duaah Hammad penned the book in verse and has found an appreciative audience for the message of understanding, as she details her experiences with teasing and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, as a student of business administration, Duaah Hammad has found new support for and confidence through her literary presentations of *Finding Home* as she continues to pursue publishing narratives of the immigrant experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Duaah Hammad hereby be commended for promoting a message of unity and inclusivity through her self-published book, *Finding Home*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Duaah Hammad for shining a light on our diverse society and working to make it a more accepting place.

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