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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 238

Offered February 17, 2020

Commending the All Dulles Area Muslim Society.

Patrons—Subramanyam, Murphy, Rasoul and Samirah; Senators: Bell, Boysko and Favola

WHEREAS, for 37 years, the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, a nonprofit organization based in Sterling, has served thousands of individuals and families as the largest mosque and Muslim community center in Virginia and the second largest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) provides opportunities for religious worship, education, and social activities to more than 25,000 people at locations in Ashburn, Crystal City, Fairfax, Greater Gainesville/Nokesville, North Reston, South Riding, Sterling/Herndon, Sully/Chantilly, Tysons Corner, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS coordinates Friday prayer services at all of its locations, and its Eid holiday services draw thousands of worshipers from around the region; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS regularly supports interfaith partnerships, advocacy efforts, and community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life of Northern Virginia residents; members of the society are active participants in nonpartisan, grassroots civic education and engagement campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the ADAMS community service committee helps provide food, clothing, and other useful items to people in need, and the ADAMS Compassionate Healthcare Network offers vital care to uninsured or underinsured members of the community; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS is a leader in building interfaith understanding and cooperation; the society sponsors and participates in more than 250 annual meetings with representatives from Jewish, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Bahai, and Zoroastrian congregations; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS works with local, regional, state, and federal government officials and law-enforcement agencies to protect and preserve civil liberties for all people; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS has touched the lives of numerous young people as the sponsor of one of the largest Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout programs in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area, representing more than 9,000 Scouts; and

WHEREAS, ADAMS has fulfilled its mission with the leadership of its elected Board of Trustees, which includes both men and women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the All Dulles Area Muslim Society for its decades of service to the Muslim community in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the All Dulles Area Muslim Society as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of contributions to its members and all residents of Northern Virginia.

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