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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 282

Offered February 20, 2020

*Commending Local Colors.*

Patrons—Rasoul, Austin, Head, Hurst and McNamara; Senators: Edwards and Suetterlein

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Local Colors has celebrated the ethnic diversity of the Roanoke community and promoted multicultural understanding through education, outreach, and special events; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1990 by Pearl Fu, Local Colors originally represented cultures from four countries; the nonprofit organization has grown to include members from more than 100 countries with diverse origins, races, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Local Colors has enriched the lives of countless Roanoke residents by partnering with schools, colleges, neighborhood associations, retirement communities, government agencies, businesses, and civic organizations to offer unique programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Local Colors builds cultural awareness by celebrating the cuisine, fashion, stories, and traditions of member nations, culminating in the Local Colors Festival, held on the third weekend of May each year; and

WHEREAS, Local Colors directly supports minority communities with advocacy services, business networking, translation assistance, educational lectures, and cultural sensitivity training; and

WHEREAS, Local Colors has succeeded in its mission through the generosity of individual and corporate donors as well as the hard work and dedication of local volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Local Colors on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Local Colors as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its work to enhance cultural life in Roanoke and build a safe, welcoming community for all people.

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