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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 430

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Gray Ghost Winery.

Patron—Guzman

WHEREAS, Gray Ghost Winery, a family-owned-and-operated winery that has served exceptional wines and offered Southern hospitality since 1994, celebrates its 26th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Gray Ghost Winery produces internationally acclaimed fine wines, with all grapes handpicked and the wine aged in premium oak barrels; owing to the quality of their wines, they were named "Best in the East" by *Vineyard & Winery Management Magazine* for four consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Gray Ghost Winery finished the 2019 competition season with 121 medals, making it the 17th consecutive year Gray Ghost wines has earned more than 100 medals in international, national, and regional competitions; in 2019, the medal count included 24 gold, three platinum, and five double gold awards; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Gray Ghost Winery had gold medal wins for its petit verdot in the prestigious American Wine Society competition and for its reserve chardonnay in the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association Wine Competition, making it one of the most decorated wineries in the Commonwealth that year; and

WHEREAS, Gray Ghost Winery has grown grapes for 33 years and is one of Virginia's oldest wineries, offering fine wine as well as scenic picnic grounds, various indoor facilities, winery events, entertaining tours, and its popular volunteer harvest program for the local community to enjoy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gray Ghost Winery on the occasion of its 26th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gray Ghost Winery as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy.

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