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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 488

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Northern Virginia.*

Patrons—Subramanyam; Senator: Bell

WHEREAS, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Northern Virginia provides opportunities for worship and spiritual growth to residents of Chantilly and members of the Hindu faith throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir cultivates peace within the community and fosters personal and collective worship by providing a place for devotees to offer prayers before sacred images or attend cultural classes and religious services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing a sanctuary for community members to quiet their minds and enhance their spirituality, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir promotes Hindu traditions and heritage by teaching the arts, language, music, and philosophy; and

WHEREAS, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir supports the community by hosting charitable fundraisers and other events, such as walkathons, health fairs, and blood drives; and

WHEREAS, as part of the rich cultural fabric of the Commonwealth, the members of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir make many valuable contributions as leaders in a variety of professions, businesses, and community organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Northern Virginia for its service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Northern Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to religious life in Chantilly.

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