

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 488

Commending BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir of Northern Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

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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