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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Offered March 3, 2020

*Commending the Dochiki Civic and Social Club, Inc.*

Patrons—Price, Aird, Askew, Ayala, Bagby, Bourne, Carroll Foy, Cole, J.G., Hayes, Herring, Jenkins, Jones, Lindsey, McQuinn, Rasoul, Scott, Torian, Tyler and Ward

WHEREAS, for 80 years, the Dochiki Civic and Social Club, Inc., has provided men in Newport News with opportunities to meet, socialize, and discuss ways to better support their families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, originally known as "Los Amigas," the Dochiki Civic and Social Club was founded by 11 Newport News residents at a local barbershop on the corner of 29th Street and Chestnut Avenue; the club adopted an image of a handshake as its emblem and was subsequently renamed for a Chinese word meaning love and friendship; and

WHEREAS, early meetings of the Dochiki Civic and Social Club were held in members' homes and in rented rooms; the club purchased the property for its current location on Chestnut Avenue in 1952 and has conducted many renovations and expansions over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Dochiki Wives Auxiliary, Inc., was formed in 1960 to help support the Dochiki Civic and Social Club in its philanthropic endeavors and civic projects; and

WHEREAS, the Dochiki Civic and Social Club has raised funds to benefit young people, seniors, and other charitable causes through automobile raffles and bingo nights, and the club has opened its doors to local organizations in need of meeting space; furthermore, the Chestnut Avenue voting precinct has been based at the club for many years; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Dochiki Civic and Social Club is composed of business leaders and entrepreneurs, educators and school administrators, current and former members of the military, government officials, and many others; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Dochiki Civic and Social Club has emphasized the health and vitality of its members while demonstrating a commitment to good family values, youth mentorship, and support for education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Dochiki Civic and Social Club, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 80th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Dochiki Civic and Social Club, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its decades of service to the Newport News community.