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20104556D **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23** 1 2 Offered January 19, 2020 3 Commending the Virginia Arab American Political Forum. 4 Patron—Kory 5 6 WHEREAS, the Virginia Arab American Political Forum, a bipartisan advocacy organization for Arab Americans in the Commonwealth, held its 31st Candidates' Night Dinner in 2019; and 7 8 WHEREAS, the Virginia Arab American Political Forum helps provide a voice for the more than 9 160,000 Arab Americans in Virginia and increase community engagement with the political process; and WHEREAS, the Virginia Arab American Political Forum strives to keep elected and nonelected 10 officials informed about concerns in the community and works to preserve the civil liberties of all 11

WHEREAS, Virginia Arab American Political Forum's 2019 Candidates' Night Dinner featured nearly 40 candidates for a wide range of local and state offices and was attended by more than 250 people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Arab American Political Forum hereby be commended for its more than 30 years of service to Arab Americans in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Arab American Political Forum as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's achievements in support of Arab Americans.

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