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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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Commending Mission BBQ.

Patrons—Reeves, Bell, Boysko, Chase, McPike, Morrissey, Peake, Pillion, Ruff and Spruill; Delegates: Carr, Cole, M.L., Delaney, Fowler, Freitas, Hope, LaRock, Morefield, Orrock, Simonds, Ware and Willett

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, for eight years, Mission BBQ has offered a wide selection of authentic regional barbecue fare while working to honor and support veterans in the Commonwealth and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, combining their patriotism, commitment to community service, and passion for good food, Bill Kraus and Steve Newton established Mission BBQ in Glen Burnie, Maryland, on September 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, using only the highest quality ingredients cooked fresh that day, Mission BBQ quickly developed a loyal following and opened its second location the following year; it has since expanded to nearly 80 locations in the United States, including more than 15 locations in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, true to its name, Mission BBQ works toward a greater purpose by supporting the men and women who serve the nation in uniform, hiring veterans, offering free food to veterans on remembrance days, and hosting fundraisers to support veterans, public safety officers, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mission BBQ locations are decorated with memorabilia donated by local veterans, law-enforcement officers, and other first responders, making each dining room a unique reflection of its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mission BBQ for its years of success as both a restaurant and a community partner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bill Kraus and Steve Newton, founders of Mission BBQ, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the its work to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and public safety officers.

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