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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 549

Offered August 21, 2020

Commending the organizers of the "I Can't Breathe" walk in Winchester.

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WHEREAS, in June 2020, more than 500 people attended the "I Can't Breathe" walk in Winchester to protest the death of George Floyd, raise awareness of police brutality, and demonstrate support for social justice; and

WHEREAS, the "I Can't Breathe" walk was organized by Terrance Wilson, Ashliegh Cristine Moyocoyotzin, Ashley Arnold, Samuel Tanner, La Tasha Dozia, Victoria Kidd, and Andrew Mudd and sponsored by Tina Stevens-Culbreath and Rodney Culbreath, founders of the nonprofit I'm Just Me Movement; and

WHEREAS, the "I Can't Breathe" walk began at the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum and proceeded through downtown Winchester; after the walk, more than 30 speakers, including religious leaders, elected officials, community activists, and local residents, addressed the need for police and societal reform; and

WHEREAS, the "I Can't Breath" walk was attended by people of many races, creeds, and backgrounds and built a strong sense of peace, unity, and purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the organizers of the "I Can't Breathe" event in Winchester hereby be commended for providing an opportunity for community members to heal and make their voices heard; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the organizers of the "I Can't Breathe" walk in Winchester as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for the importance of the event and others like it in the Commonwealth.

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