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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 581

Offered August 28, 2020

*Commending Hopes & Seams.*

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WHEREAS, Hopes & Seams, a Loudoun County small business dedicated to flattening the curve by donating protective masks to front-line workers and vulnerable individuals, has proactively responded to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Hopes & Seams was founded by Amelie and Sophia Clarke, students of Rock Ridge High School in Ashburn, who wanted a way to help health care workers, first responders, and others protect themselves from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the shortage of personal protective equipment jeopardized our nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Amelie and Sophia Clarke formed Hopes & Seams to distribute protective masks throughout their community; and

WHEREAS, Hopes & Seams provided thousands of masks to various organizations, including Mobile Hope Loudoun, the Inova Children's Hospital, the Inova Schar Cancer Institute, Loudoun County Public Schools, Food for Neighbors, and local Chick-Fil-A restaurants; and

WHEREAS, with great awareness and compassion, Hopes & Seams has donated thousands of masks to populations that are particularly vulnerable to the threat of COVID-19, including the local elderly community and the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, recently, Hopes & Seams has collaborated with the Greater Good Initiative, amplifying its message and expanding its ability to donate masks where needed; and

WHEREAS, by selflessly giving their time and talents for the benefit of others, the founders of Hopes & Seams embody what makes the Commonwealth a great place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Hopes & Seams, a Loudoun County business producing nonmedical protective face coverings, hereby be commended for its efforts to combat COVID-19; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Amelie and Sophia Clarke, founders of Hopes & Seams, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

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