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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 519

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Commending Catoctin Creek Distilling Company.

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WHEREAS, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company, the first legal distillery in Loudoun County, swiftly responded to the COVID-19 crisis in 2020; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of the pandemic, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company distributed surplus alcohol generated from its production of whiskey and gin to be used as sanitizer by first responders and families in need; and

WHEREAS, prioritizing public safety over profits, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company gave free sanitizing alcohol to over 100 families, six police stations, two emergency service units, two medical clinics, a senior care facility, and the Federal Aviation Administration operations center in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the extreme demand for sanitation products, yet unable to produce the appropriate sanitizing alcohol in its own stills, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company nonetheless leveraged its permits to buy large quantities of alcohol so it could continue to produce and package sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, following receipt of its first shipment of 1,000 gallons of bulk alcohol, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company collaborated with the American Craft Spirits Association to determine the formulation that could be safely used as sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, after receiving approval for its sanitizer formulation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company shared their work with approximately 300 craft distillers across the country, vastly improving the nation's ability to address the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, staff members at Catoctin Creek Distilling Company, bottling by hand, have already produced more than 46,000 units of sanitizer, providing this vital resource to many first responders and countless families; and

WHEREAS, through its decisive and selfless actions in the face of a historic public health emergency, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company has exemplified what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Catoctin Creek Distilling Company hereby be commended for its response to the COVID-19 crisis; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Becky and Scott Harris, owners of Catoctin Creek Distilling Company, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the company's commitment to the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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