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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 615

Offered January 21, 2021

Commending the Williamsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639.

Patrons—Batten; Senators: Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Williamsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639 celebrated its 75th anniversary of supporting local veterans and their families, promoting patriotism, and serving all members of the Williamsburg community; and

WHEREAS, established on November 16, 1945, the Williamsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4639 is one of the oldest such posts in the region; the charter members of the post, recently returned veterans of World War II, built the facility by hand, and it has been maintained by generations of new members; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the members of VFW Post 4639 have worked diligently to uphold the organization's mission to advocate for and foster camaraderie among local veterans, as well as support military families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 4639 honors the contributions of the nation's veterans and active duty service members, while working to secure rights and benefits and provide care for family members of service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 4639 awards an annual Teacher of the Year scholarship to one local educator who has demonstrated a commitment to teaching American ideals and patriotism, as well as three scholarships for local students; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 4639 provides the Voice of Democracy scholarship to allow high school students the opportunity to explore democratic principles through audio essays, hosts the Patriot's Pen essay contest for middle school students to reflect on American history, and honors exceptional local Scouts with the Scout of the Year scholarship; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 4639 commemorated its 75th anniversary with a special event on November 14, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Williamsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639 on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Van Swol, post commander of the Williamsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4639, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the service of the organization to veterans in the Williamsburg community.

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