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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 630

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Commending Clenise and Alex White.

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WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Clenise and Alex White of Henrico County have produced and distributed thousands of reusable face shields to first responders and other frontline workers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Richmond area since 2008, Clenise White runs a home-based tax preparation business and Alex White is a retired federal and state government employee who has authored numerous guidebooks on cameras; the couple has enjoyed working on numerous projects and hobbies together in nearly 40 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, concerned about the lack of personal protective equipment at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Clenise and Alex White resolved to make a difference in the community by using a 3-D printer to produce plastic face shields; and

WHEREAS, Clenise and Alex White researched different designs for face shields, settling on a design approved by the National Institutes of Health, and ultimately acquired a total of four 3-D printers to keep up with demand; and

WHEREAS, Clenise and Alex White overcame shortages of materials and mastered the intensive process of assembling the face shields, including filing rough edges, gluing foam strips to the visor, and attaching knobs, elastic bands, and buckles, as well as sorting and packaging the finished pieces for delivery; and

WHEREAS, while Clenise and Alex White handled production, Nancy Springman, a parish nurse of St. Mary's Catholic Church, joined the team to manage orders and distribution; between March and August of 2020, they produced and donated approximately 3,000 face shields; and

WHEREAS, Clenise and Alex White's largest client, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, is a free clinic that has worked with many high-risk patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, making the acquisition of proper protective equipment critical for its volunteer staff; and

WHEREAS, Clenise and Alex White distributed masks to personnel at other hospitals, care centers, and local businesses where close contact is involved, such as barbershops; their masks have been praised for their high-quality construction and comfort; and

WHEREAS, Clenise and Alex White have inspired others in the Henrico County community through their generosity and commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Clenise and Alex White for their work to produce and distribute reusable personal protective equipment to first responders and frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Clenise and Alex White as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their achievements in service to the members of the Henrico County community and the Commonwealth.

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