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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 509

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*Commending supermarket employees.*

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WHEREAS, supermarket employees, who represent nearly six million individuals in the United States, support the nation's \$800 billion food industry by providing all Americans with a safe, healthy, and affordable food supply; and

WHEREAS, supermarket employees seek to enhance the health and well-being of each customer by addressing unique needs and tastes while ensuring a safe and sanitary food retail environment; and

WHEREAS, supermarket employees contribute and volunteer countless hours in their communities, giving generously of their time and talents to various organizations and causes; and

WHEREAS, supermarket employees have faced unprecedented challenges in keeping grocery shelves stocked as they provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, supermarket employees have met and exceeded the challenges of this pandemic, demonstrating courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership in a bold redefinition of customer service and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the demand for supermarket employees is greater than ever because of growing consumer demands and the industry's reputation for excellence; and

WHEREAS, FMI - The Food Industry Association, which serves as the voice of the food retail industry, is marking its 44th anniversary by asking all citizens to join it in honoring the heroic efforts of the nation's supermarket employees; and

WHEREAS, FMI - The Food Industry Association has designated February 22 as National Supermarket Employee Day to celebrate and show appreciation for the accomplishments of supermarket employees and their efforts to propel the retail food industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That supermarket employees hereby be commended for their indefatigable efforts in providing the Commonwealth and the nation with a safe, healthy, and affordable food supply; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to FMI - The Food Industry Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for supermarket employees and their innumerable contributions to communities across the United States.

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