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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 585

Offered February 23, 2021

Commending the Hammond Agency.

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WHEREAS, the Hammond Agency of Fairfax County commemorated 40 years of serving the community's insurance and investment needs in 2020; and

WHEREAS, established on June 1, 1980, by founder and president Karen Hammond, the Hammond Agency has since helped hundreds of businesses and individuals in Northern Virginia make smart and informed decisions with regard to their insurance options and investment planning; and

WHEREAS, an independent, free-standing agency, the Hammond Agency has supported both employers and employees of the Commonwealth by providing client-centered, unbiased consultations on myriad financial services and products; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Agency has played a valuable role throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by guiding clients as they navigate the tumultuous effects of the public health crisis on businesses, insurance plans, and investment strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Agency has generously donated hundreds of masks to both clients and local health care facilities to promote health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Agency's founder and president, Karen Hammond, has championed the business community of Merrifield in Fairfax County as past president and current board director of the Greater Merrifield Business Association and through involvement with various task forces and other endeavors: and

WHEREAS, by fostering the success and prosperity of businesses and individuals for nearly a half-century, the Hammond Agency has been a part of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Hammond Agency, an insurance and financial services agency in Fairfax County, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Hammond, founder and president of the Hammond Agency, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth.