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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 739

Offered August 2, 2021

*Commending Emgage.*

Patrons—Kory, Adams, D.M., Carr, Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, Guzman, McQuinn, Rasoul, Simonds, Subramanyam and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, Emgage, a national nonprofit organization, has helped Muslim Americans throughout the Commonwealth and the United States learn how civic awareness, engagement, and advocacy can strengthen their communities; and

WHEREAS, Emgage operates chapters in seven states, including an office in Virginia, and strives to build communities of knowledgeable and motivated citizens through educational events like town halls and issue forums, leadership development programs, and youth mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Emgage helps Muslim Americans engage with elected officials by raising their awareness on key policy issues and giving them the tools to bring about change through proactive civic participation; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 United States presidential election, Emgage launched a nonpartisan Get Out The Vote campaign that ultimately helped mobilize a historic turnout of more than one million Muslim American voters; and

WHEREAS, Emgage has helped Muslim Americans ensure that their experiences and contributions are recognized and that their communities are well represented at local, state, and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Emgage hereby be commended for its work to educate, engage, and empower Muslim Americans in the Commonwealth and throughout the country; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Emgage as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's achievements.

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