

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 752

Offered August 3, 2021

*Commending the FreeTHEM Walk.*

Patrons—Cole, J.G., Adams, D.M., Cole, M.L., Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Guzman, Hope, Jenkins, Kory, Levine, McQuinn, Mundon King, Rasoul, Reid, Roem, Simonds, Tyler, Watts and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, the FreeTHEM Walk, a charitable event organized by affiliates of Ramp Global Missions in Lynchburg, raised awareness of the dangers of human trafficking and support for victims; and

WHEREAS, the FreeTHEM Walk was established by Project Mona's House in Lynchburg and the FreeTHEM Center in Buffalo, New York, both programs of Ramp Global Missions, which strives to help people of all backgrounds who are hurt, exploited, undereducated, or impoverished; and

WHEREAS, in summer 2021, the FreeTHEM Walk completed a 902-mile walk from Lynchburg to Buffalo along routes used by the Underground Railroad, with stops at Appomattox Courthouse, the White House of the Confederacy, Aquia Landing in Stafford County, and the Old Jail in Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, the FreeTHEM Walk educated participants and people along the route about the crime of human trafficking and how to identify and assist victims; and

WHEREAS, the FreeTHEM Walk, which began on May 3 and ended on Juneteenth, was planned by Kelly Diane Galloway and Jaleesa Robinson, with critical assistance from numerous other organizers, volunteers, and supporters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the FreeTHEM Walk hereby be commended for its success in raising awareness of and generating support for the victims of human trafficking; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ramp Global Missions as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the significant achievements of the participants of the FreeTHEM Walk.

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