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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 337

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Commending the Ghanaian American community in Virginia.

Patrons—Mundon King, Clark, Guzman, Hope, Kory, Lopez, McQuinn, Rasoul, Scott, D.L., Seibold and Watts

WHEREAS, the Ghanaian American community in Virginia has over the years become an essential thread in the fabric of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Ghana became the first sub-Saharan country in colonial Africa to gain its independence; and

WHEREAS, since its first post-independence population census in 1960 that counted approximately 6.7 million inhabitants, Ghana has grown into a country with a population of nearly 33 million; and

WHEREAS, originally formed from the merger of the British colony of the Gold Coast and the Trust Territory of Togoland, Ghana is home to more than 100 different ethnic groups, yet has remained relatively peaceful throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is currently home to one of the largest Ghanaian American communities in the nation, with a majority of the members of this community immigrating around 2000, making it one of the more recently settled populations in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Ghanaian American community has played a particularly important role in the academia, health care, and social services sectors of the Commonwealth, with many of its members serving on the frontlines of the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, several Ghanaian American organizations in the Commonwealth, such as the Virginia Association of Ghanaian Nurses, have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the well-being of others through their service in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Ghanaian American community's experience in Virginia is a testament to why the Commonwealth is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Ghanaian American community in Virginia hereby be commended for its place in the history and culture of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of the Ghanaian American community in Virginia as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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