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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 350

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Alejandro Buxton.

Patrons—Seibold, Carr, Guzman, Hope, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Murphy, Rasoul, Shin, Simonds, Sullivan, Ware and Watts

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton, founder and chief executive officer of Smell of Love Candles, a candle company based in Northern Virginia, opened his company's first brick and mortar shop with a stand at Tysons Corner Center in Fairfax County in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton started making candles in his kitchen to develop a high-quality, all-natural product for use around his home; and

WHEREAS, as Alejandro Buxton's burgeoning candle-making operation expanded from his kitchen to his basement, the Smell of Love Candles company took root; and

WHEREAS, at 12 years of age, Alejandro Buxton became the youngest entrepreneur to open a venture at Tysons Corner Center, one of the country's premier shopping destinations; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton first put proceeds from Smell of Love Candles toward books and savings for college and now donates profits each month to charity, while also developing a scholarship fund to send other kids to college; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton's success has been celebrated on numerous local news programs, bringing greater attention to his worthy endeavor; and

WHEREAS, through a YouTube channel and podcast, both titled *Lessons from a Kidpreneur*, Alejandro Buxton shares business tips and lessons he has learned along the way for the benefit of other aspiring young entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton's accomplishments are a testament to his hard work and dedication and serve as inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Alejandro Buxton hereby be commended for his entrepreneurial achievements with Smell of Love Candles and for his service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alejandro Buxton as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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