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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5040

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Commending the Town of Herndon's Hispanic Heritage Festival, the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, and Cox Communications of Northern Virginia.

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WHEREAS, located just outside Washington, D.C., Fairfax County is home to nearly 120,000 Hispanic residents; and

WHEREAS, in a continuing effort to reach out to the Hispanic community, Cox Communications of Northern Virginia, partnering with the Hispanic Committee of Virginia (HCV), the Town of Herndon, and El Zola radio, hosted the second annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on October 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the spectacular event showcased a variety of Hispanic-themed bands and talented dance groups from many Latin countries, featuring salsa, merengue, mariachis, and Afro-Peruana music and dance styles; and

WHEREAS, the popular festival drew an estimated 3,000 Fairfax County Hispanic and non-Hispanic community residents alike, was attended by enthusiastic supporters and community leaders, and raised \$8,000 for the Hispanic Committee of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the HCV is a valuable community-based, nonprofit organization that aids and encourages Hispanic immigrants to more fully participate in and contribute to American society; and

WHEREAS, HCV and its enthusiastic employees and volunteers work hard to help Hispanic residents in need overcome the barriers of language, culture, isolation, and poverty; refer them to vital community services; empower them with new skills and information; and assist them with case management, job matching, and immigration consultation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Town of Herndon, the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, and Cox Communications of Northern Virginia for their sponsorship of the Hispanic Heritage Festival; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Michael O'Reilly, Mayor of the Town of Herndon; Alberto Quiroga, Executive Director of the Hispanic Committee of Virginia; and Gary McCollum, Vice President and Regional Manager of Cox Communications of Northern Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for their outstanding service and commitment to the Hispanic community and the citizens of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

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