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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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Commending the Peanut Patch.

Patrons—Morris and Tyler

WHEREAS, the Peanut Patch, located in Courtland and known locally, nationally, and internationally for the distinctive flavor of its specially prepared peanuts, proudly celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1973 by twin brothers Bob (now deceased) and Bill Riddick and their wives, Judy and Gaynelle, the Peanut Patch began as a furniture business and the couples quickly added the sale of peanuts when they realized it was difficult to buy them locally at retail; and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Patch evolved over the years, transitioning away from furniture, relocating the business to Route 58, creating a new manufacturing facility, and welcoming other family members to the business; and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Patch developed the brand name FERIDIES based on parts of each family member's last names—Alice and Paul Shaffer, Judy and Bob Riddick, Jane and Ted Fries—for its products that now range from peanuts to nut-based snacks to gifts; and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Patch Gift Shop welcomes locals and visitors alike with a wide range of gifts for all occasions and gourmet food products; and

WHEREAS, a vital part of the local economy, the Peanut Patch, under its brand name FERIDIES, consistently ranks in the top 10 of non-governmental employers in Southampton County and also generously supports local charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Patch marked the company's 40th anniversary at the Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours with its three founders, their families, coworkers, and visiting dignitaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Peanut Patch hereby be commended on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Judy Riddick, Gaynelle Riddick, and Bill Riddick, surviving cofounders of the Peanut Patch, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the company's contributions to the community.

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