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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1061

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Commending Oakland Heights Farm.

Patrons—Freitas; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, Oakland Heights Farm in Gordonsville is dedicated to the preservation of the art and sport of horseback riding, and its owners are working to ensure a bright future for Virginia's horses and horse people; and

WHEREAS, started by David and Sally Lamb in 1979, Oakland Heights Farm has prospered for almost four decades and become one of the Commonwealth's most recognized horse farms; and

WHEREAS, David Lamb has been in the horse business since 1963, is internationally known for his horsemanship, and has represented Virginia and its horses from England to China; and

WHEREAS, Sally Lamb began foxhunting when she was just seven, and she has provided countless opportunities for others to experience horses and the equine lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, a diversified family business that now includes the Lambs' son, Matt, Oakland Heights Farm is involved at every level of equine activity, including horse shows, riding lessons, training, boarding, breeding, trail rides, sales, hay production, rodeos, and foxhunts; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Heights Farm hosts many charity events, supporting causes such as the Wounded Warrior Project, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and juvenile diabetes research, among other worthwhile fundraising endeavors; and

WHEREAS, David and Sally Lamb love to share their passion for horses and make the equine experience accessible to young and old; dozens of children have been educated in horse riding, safety, and care at Oakland Heights Farm and in the process learned the values of responsibility and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Heights Farm hosts professional bull riding on the second Saturday of the month from May through September, and the events, sponsored by Matt Lamb's BLM Bull & Rodeo Company, provide fun for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Heights Farm's scenic trail rides through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounding woodlands and farmlands offer visitors an opportunity to learn about the region's history and are an important part of the Commonwealth's agritourism economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, David and Sally Lamb received the Virginia Horse Council Horseman/Horsewoman of the Year Award for their contributions at the local, state, and national levels of the equine industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Oakland Heights Farm for its dedication to the preservation of the art and sport of horseback riding and for working to ensure a bright future for the horses and horse people 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 Oakland Heights Farm as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the farm's charitable work and efforts to promote agritourism.

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