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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 795

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Commending Valluvan Tamil Academy.

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WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy is a charitable, nonprofit, secular organization established in Virginia to teach the Tamil language to children; and

WHEREAS, Tamil is a South Indian language that has been spoken for more than 2,000 years, and it is one of the languages widely spoken by Virginians of Indian origin; and

WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy was founded six years ago with fewer than 20 students and has grown to currently teach Tamil culture, literature, and language to more than 500 students; and

WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy is now one of the largest organizations teaching the Tamil language in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy organizes many social and educational events, such as Annual Day, when students demonstrate their talents in dance, theater, and art; and

WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy teaches students Thirukkural, a classical Tamil poetic form used to encapsulate moral and ethical lessons; and

WHEREAS, Valluvan Tamil Academy provides students the opportunity to learn about the Tamil language and culture and build leadership and team-building skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Valluvan Tamil Academy for its work to preserve an ancient, classical language; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Valluvan Tamil Academy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the academy's dedication to its students and the Tamil language and culture.

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