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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116**

Offered January 20, 2017

Commending Muslim Lakhani.

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WHEREAS, Muslim Lakhani of McLean, a Pakistani-American entrepreneur and philanthropist, was honored at the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, where he was presented with the 2016 InterFaith Bridge Builders Award for his impressive leadership, charitable efforts, dedication to justice and basic human rights, and for inspiring others to build even stronger bridges of compassion and tolerance in today's world; and

WHEREAS, Muslim Lakhani is the Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of ML Resources, LLC, ML Private Investments, LLC, and ML Social Vision, Inc., a non-profit organization that, aside from philanthropic initiatives, has worked for more than 20 years to increase understanding and tolerance between the West and the Muslim world; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, ML Social Vision has been supporting the Salvation Army's feeding program in Washington, D.C., which feeds almost 200 people 365 days a year and helps to integrate them back into society; and

WHEREAS, through ML Social Vision, Muslim Lakhani helped financially jump start a free health clinic in Chantilly that is open to people of all faiths; and

WHEREAS, through his longstanding commitment to philanthropy, Muslim Lakhani has promoted tolerance and dialogue among different faiths, ethnic groups, and social classes, and helped build institutions for political, social, and economic reform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Muslim Lakhani hereby be commended for his service to the community and the country; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Muslim Lakhani as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his tireless efforts to forge interfaith understanding and commitment to building a more pluralistic society.