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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

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Commending the Village Initiative.

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WHEREAS, the Village Initiative, a local nonprofit that promotes unity and inclusion in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, has hosted numerous forums benefiting the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative forums have included discussions on many important topics and themes relevant to residents, such as the recent forum "Integration Then and Now: Voices from the Community," which marked the 50th anniversary of school integration in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative has worked for years to break down structural barriers and encourage minority students to succeed both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, members of the Village Initiative and the community recently participated in a national walk with activist Opal Lee to raise awareness of Juneteenth and to advocate for the day to be a nationally observed holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved peoples in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative operates a tutoring program in local preschools and elementary and middle schools and is currently initiating its African American Culture Club to promote education in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative is tirelessly dedicated to a range of efforts addressing these pressing issues, making Williamsburg and James City County more welcoming and inclusive places for all residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Village Initiative, a nonprofit furthering unity and inclusion in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, for its many impactful endeavors in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Village Initiative as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.

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