

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

*Commending the American Telugu Association.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, for 30 years, the American Telugu Association has served Telugu people in the United States by promoting literary, cultural, educational, religious, social, economic, and health and wellness programs for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the American Telugu Association was established in 1990 by 12 Telugu-speaking individuals who wished to foster a greater appreciation for Telugu heritage and create ways to better serve people of Telugu origin living in North America; and

WHEREAS, the American Telugu Association organizes exchange programs between the United States, Canada, and India for Telugu students, scientists, and other professionals and invites distinguished Telugu artists, artisans, scholars, and officials to the United States for lectures and workshops; and

WHEREAS, the American Telugu Association provides vital assistance for newly arrived Telugu immigrants, and its career development programs have helped individuals achieve success in competitive fields and better support their families; the organization offers guidance and mentorship to Telugu young people through its youth services programs; and

WHEREAS, the American Telugu Association conducts generous charitable outreach, including a successful event at the DC Central Kitchen in Washington, D.C., on Diwali to prepare and serve nutritious meals to more than 5,000 homeless or less-fortunate members of the community; the organization hosted a 5K race in Fairfax, attended by more than 1,000 people, to support orphaned children in India; and

WHEREAS, the American Telugu Association has fulfilled its mission with the hard work of numerous volunteers, and the organization has built strong partnerships with many other service organizations and Telugu associations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the American Telugu Association hereby be commended on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the American Telugu Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's service to the Telugu community in the Commonwealth and throughout the United States.

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