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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending 868 Estate Vineyards.

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WHEREAS, 868 Estate Vineyards received the Virginia Wineries Association's Governor's Cup from Governor Ralph Northam on February 25, 2020, at Main Street Station in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, 868 Estate Vineyards earned the Governor's Cup distinction with its 2017 Vidal Blanc Passito, a wine made from hybrid grapes and produced through the "appassimento" technique, wherein the grapes are partially dried to concentrate their flavor and the fermentation process is halted early to preserve the wine's natural sweetness; and

WHEREAS, selected as the best wine out of more than 500 entries, 868 Estate Vineyards' 2017 Vidal Blanc Passito is the first winner to be made entirely with Loudoun County fruit and the first sweet wine to win the competition in more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, 868 Estate Vineyards established its first grapes in 2012 and now has more than 22 acres of vines producing more than 4,000 cases of wine per year; in a short time, the vineyard's reputation for excellent wine and world-class hospitality has made it an appealing destination for both residents of and visitors to Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, 868 Estate Vineyards has demonstrated mastery of its craft by winning the coveted Governor's Cup honor, an accomplishment that elevates the prestige of Loudoun County's viticulture industry and celebrates the exceptional quality of Virginia wine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That 868 Estate Vineyards hereby be commended for winning the Virginia Wineries Association's 2020 Governor's Cup; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carl DiManno, winemaker and cofounder of 868 Estate Vineyards, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the vineyard's achievement and best wishes for its continued success.

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