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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 374

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Commending Panorama Latino TV Show.

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WHEREAS, *Panorama Latino TV Show*, a long-running Spanish-language television program serving the Hispanic community of Prince William County, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, following a tragic house fire in Dale City in 1997, Comcast Cable and Stephanie Williams, creator and executive producer of *Panorama Latino TV Show*, set out to present a program that would convey lifesaving information to the local Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, *Panorama Latino TV Show* airs in Prince William County every Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on Comcast Cable channel 2, as well as on YouTube and other platforms; and

WHEREAS, *Panorama Latino TV Show* conducts its programming in Spanish to increase the likelihood that the vital information it provides will be disseminated effectively in the community; and

WHEREAS, many distinguished guests have graced the set of *Panorama Latino TV Show* over the years, including former chief of the Prince William County Police Department Barry Barnard; former chief of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Kevin McGee; and superintendent of Prince William County Public Schools, Dr. Steve Walts; and

WHEREAS, *Panorama Latino TV Show*, which has also hosted Senator Tim Kaine and Ann Wheeler, chair of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, has served as an important platform for local, state, and national leaders to broadcast their messages to the Hispanic community of Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, appearances on *Panorama Latino TV Show* by Dr. Karla Lacayo from Novant Health and Dr. Ramfis Márquez from the Greater Prince William Health Center have helped to guide viewers through this historic public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, with regular segments on culture and youth issues, *Panorama Latino TV Show* enriches its viewers' awareness of current events and understanding of topical issues; and

WHEREAS, by serving as a reliable conduit of information relating to public safety, health, and emergency procedures for the Hispanic community of Prince William County, *Panorama Latino TV Show* has helped to make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend *Panorama Latino TV Show* on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stephanie Williams, creator and executive producer of *Panorama Latino TV Show*, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the program's contributions to the community.

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