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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 635

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Commending Merrifield Garden Center.

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WHEREAS, Merrifield Garden Center, a family owned and operated, full-service garden center, nursery, and landscaping company in Northern Virginia, commemorates 50 years of service to the community in April 2021; and

WHEREAS, established in 1971 by founders Bob and Billie Jean Warhurst and Buddy and Doris Williams, Merrifield Garden Center has grown from a small roadside store in Merrifield with less than an acre of plants into one of the largest nursery and landscaping companies in the region, staffing hundreds of employees across locations in Merrifield, Fair Oaks, and Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Merrifield Garden Center is dedicated to providing quality products and services to its customers, with the store's buyers regularly scouring the country to produce an exceptional selection of plants, gardening supplies, and home decor items; and

WHEREAS, Merrifield Garden Center staff are devoted to sharing their knowledge of plants and gardening with inquiring customers, both in person and through the company's classes, blog, and social media postings; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the Merrifield community for many years, Merrifield Garden Center actively supports local schools, family businesses, independent artisans, and development initiatives in the area through various endeavors and good deeds, such as hosting a putt-putt golf day for kids and landscaping and design support for the Greater Merrifield Business Association's fall festival; and

WHEREAS, as an extension of its advocacy efforts, Kevin Warhurst, vice president of Merrifield Garden Center, has participated in several Merrifield development task forces and is currently serving as the 2021 president of the Greater Merrifield Business Association; and

WHEREAS, by helping to beautify homes and gardens in Northern Virginia for the past half-century, Merrifield Garden Center has been a part of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Merrifield Garden Center hereby be commended for its numerous achievements in service to the community on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to representatives of Merrifield Garden Center as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the company's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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