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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Offered February 24, 2022

Commending Prince Michel Winery.

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WHEREAS, Prince Michel Winery, one of the Commonwealth's oldest and most prominent wineries, celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jean Leducq and his wife, Sylviane, founded Prince Michel Winery in 1982 as a way to fuse their passion for French food and wine and their love for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Prince Michel Winery was purchased by Michigan native and Charlottesville resident Kristin Easter, becoming one of the only exclusively woman-owned wineries in the country; and

WHEREAS, Prince Michel Winery produces various wines under the Prince Michel and Rapidan River brands, including Viognier, Syrah, and Symbius varieties and unconventional blends like its semi-dry Riesling, peach, and chocolate wines; and

WHEREAS, Prince Michel Winery is a family and pet friendly establishment that has been a beloved stop for residents and visitors of Central Virginia for many years, while its bottles are sold widely at wine shops, grocery stores, and restaurants in several states; and

WHEREAS, Prince Michel Winery has grown into one of the more notable wineries along the East Coast, with a reputation for quality that has endeared it to wine enthusiasts in the Commonwealth and beyond; and

WHEREAS, with the establishment of its Tap 29 Brew Pub, Prince Michel Winery now serves up some of the finest local craft brews and pub-style food every day of the week; and

WHEREAS, Prince Michel Winery is hosting monthly events throughout the year to commemorate its historic milestone, including '80s Nights, wine releases, and a large celebration in May; and

WHEREAS, with hospitality and the experience of fine wine at the core of its business philosophy, Prince Michel Winery has encouraged countless Virginians to take a fresh approach to how we enjoy wine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Prince Michel Winery hereby be commended on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Prince Michel Winery as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the winery's history and its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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