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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 683

Offered September 6, 2022

Commending the American Horticultural Society.

Patrons—Surovell and Ebbin

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the American Horticultural Society has promoted the importance of sustainable gardening and nurtured excellence in horticulture throughout the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1922, the American Horticultural Society is the oldest and most well-known national gardening organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the American Horticultural Society merged with two other national gardening groups, the National Horticultural Society in 1926 and the American Horticultural Council in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the American Horticultural Society conducts a wide array of annual events and programs with the goal of educating and inspiring gardeners across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, each summer the American Horticultural Society hosts the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium, which is a forum for educators, garden designers, community leaders, and children's gardening advocates to network and collaborate on techniques and best practices to help young people engage with the natural world; and

WHEREAS, through its national awards program and other outreach efforts, the American Horticultural Society celebrates outstanding achievements, encourages continued excellence, and inspires innovation in the art and science of horticulture; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the American Horticultural Society relocated its headquarters to River Farm overlooking the Potomac River in Alexandria; the property was acquired by the American Horticultural Society through a gift from Enid Annenberg Haupt, who stipulated that the historic grounds, once part of George Washington's land holdings, would be open for the public to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the American Horticultural Society holds numerous events at River Farm, including the Spring Garden Market plant sale and a gala fundraiser each fall; and

WHEREAS, the American Horticultural Society's horticultural and corporate member programs offer opportunities for partnerships with allied organizations that help support the American Horticultural Society's vision of a land of sustainable gardens, cultivated by a diverse population with a common passion for plants; and

WHEREAS, the American Horticultural Society has fulfilled its mission to share with all Americans the critical role of plants, gardens, and green spaces in creating healthy, livable communities and a sustainable planet through the hard work and support of generations of members, volunteers, and partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the American Horticultural Society hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the American Horticultural Society as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's vital mission to protect and preserve the natural world.

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