HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 350

Commending Alejandro Buxton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton, founder and chief executive officer of Smell of Love Candles, a candle company based in Northern Virginia, opened his company's first brick and mortar shop with a stand at Tysons Corner Center in Fairfax County in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton started making candles in his kitchen to develop a high-quality, all-natural product for use around his home; and

WHEREAS, as Alejandro Buxton's burgeoning candle-making operation expanded from his kitchen to his basement, the Smell of Love Candles company took root; and

WHEREAS, at 12 years of age, Alejandro Buxton became the youngest entrepreneur to open a venture at Tysons Corner Center, one of the country's premier shopping destinations; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton first put proceeds from Smell of Love Candles toward books and savings for college and now donates profits each month to charity, while also developing a scholarship fund to send other kids to college; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton's success has been celebrated on numerous local news programs, bringing greater attention to his worthy endeavor; and

WHEREAS, through a YouTube channel and podcast, both titled *Lessons from a Kidpreneur*, Alejandro Buxton shares business tips and lessons he has learned along the way for the benefit of other aspiring young entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Alejandro Buxton's accomplishments are a testament to his hard work and dedication and serve as inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Alejandro Buxton hereby be commended for his entrepreneurial achievements with Smell of Love Candles and for his service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alejandro Buxton as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.