## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 414**

Commending Cox Farms.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Cox Farms was originally founded on 40 acres near Herndon in 1972, and the business was expanded in 1979 following the farm's co-owners' purchase of 116 acres in Centreville; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Cox Farms' fall and winter festivities have been considered among the largest and most popular seasonal events in the Washington, D.C., area, offering countless unique activities that attract hundreds of attendees each day; and

WHEREAS, Cox Farms values the importance of community engagement and has established partnerships and cultivated community initiatives to provide local families and organizations with resources and activities that lead to healthier, happier communities; and

WHEREAS, in July 2022, Cox Farms celebrated its 50th anniversary, where co-owners Eric Cox and Gina Richard paid homage to their family and the thousands of employees, vendors, suppliers, and community members who have helped the business grow exponentially over the past half-century; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cox Farms hereby be commended 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 Cox Farms as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the family business' commitment to creating events and programs for the community.