

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 727

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3 *Commending Hite's Clothing.*
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8 WHEREAS, Hite's Clothing, a family-owned small business in downtown Clarksville, has offered high-
9 quality apparel and accessories to generations of customers while supporting efforts to enhance the quality of
10 life in the community for 50 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Hite's Clothing was founded in 1974 by brothers Linwood and Dale Hite and became one of
12 Clarksville's go-to stops for men's, women's, and children's fashion, appealing to a broad range of styles and
13 tastes; at one point, the business had expanded to a total of five locations, including three in Virginia and two
14 in North Carolina; and

15 WHEREAS, over the course of its history, Hite's Clothing has been the quintessential family business,
16 with Linwood and Dale Hite employing their wives, children, siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2014, Dale Hite turned Hite's Clothing over to his niece, Heather Hite Garnett, who has
18 maintained the store's reputation for excellence and long traditions of generous outreach and community
19 leadership in Clarksville; and

20 WHEREAS, Linwood Hite was part of a merchant's group that established two popular local events,
21 LakeFest and a Christmas open house, while Dale Hite helped bring a YMCA location to Clarksville and was
22 a youth athletics coach in the area for more than 30 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Heather Hite Garnett has upheld Hite's Clothing's commitment to community stewardship
24 and was instrumental in co-founding the Lake Life Live summer concert series in 2017; and

25 WHEREAS, Heather Hite Garnett is also the co-chair of the Mecklenburg County Cancer Association and
26 the Cindy Hite Memorial Golf Tournament, which honors Dale Hite's late wife, and has raised hundreds of
27 thousands of dollars to support cancer research and treatment; and

28 WHEREAS, in addition, Heather Hite Garnett is an advocate for historic downtown Clarksville and has
29 been seeking accreditation for the community through the Main Street America preservation program; and

30 WHEREAS, Heather Hite Garnett, Linwood Hite, and Dale Hite have all served on the Clarksville Lake
31 Country Chamber of Commerce, and Dale currently serves as president of a local economic development
32 association, with Heather serving as secretary; and

33 WHEREAS, in 2010, Hite's Clothing was named as Clarksville's Business of the Year by the Clarksville
34 Lake Country Chamber of Commerce, and both Heather Hite Garnett and Dale Hite have received the Citizen
35 of the Year award and the Kathleen Walker Lifetime Achievement Award; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Hite's Clothing hereby be commended on the occasion of
37 its 50th anniversary of service to the Clarksville community; and, be it

38 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
39 presentation to Heather Hite Garnett, owner of Hite's Clothing, as an expression of the House of Delegates'
40 admiration for the store's legacy of contributions to the residents of Clarksville.

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