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1                   **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 441**

2                   Offered February 17, 2025

3                   *Commending the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation.*4                   Patrons—Pekarsky; Delegates: Callsen, Clark, Cole, Cousins, Hope, Laufer, Lopez, Martinez, McQuinn,  
5                   Mundon King, Rasoul, Shin, Ward and Watts6                   WHEREAS, for five years, the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation has empowered and  
7                   advocated for Black business owners, enhancing economic equity in communities across the Commonwealth;  
and8                   WHEREAS, the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation was established in 2020 as the  
9                   Virginia Black Business Directory and has grown from a grassroots initiative aimed at promoting and  
10                  connecting Black-owned businesses to a thriving nonprofit organization that offers a range of programs and  
11                  services; and12                  WHEREAS, working in partnership with the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Black  
13                  Chamber of Commerce Foundation bridges gaps in access to capital, education, and networking opportunities  
14                  to ensure that small businesses have the tools and resources they need to flourish; and15                  WHEREAS, the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation has gone above and beyond to foster  
16                  financial literacy, support entrepreneurship and community development, and create opportunities for  
17                  underserved populations; and18                  WHEREAS, the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation has served more than 2,700  
19                  businesses in its five-year history, creating a vibrant ecosystem where Black-owned businesses are driving  
20                  economic empowerment, innovation, social equity, and sustainable growth; now, therefore, be it21                  RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby  
22                  commend the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation on the occasion of its fifth anniversary; and,  
23                  be it24                  RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to  
25                  the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration  
26                  for the foundation's legacy of achievements in support of Black-owned businesses throughout the  
27                  Commonwealth.

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