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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229
Offered March 3, 2026

Commending Better Said Than Done, Inc.

Patron—Seibold

WHEREAS, Better Said Than Done, Inc., created the Women's Storytelling Festival in 2020 as the nation's first and only storytelling festival devoted to women; and

WHEREAS, Better Said Than Done recognizes that the tradition of spoken word storytelling, one of the world's oldest art forms, has the power to build empathy and connect people to their shared humanity; and

WHEREAS, Better Said Than Done aspires to support women storytellers who bring unique and essential perspectives and lived experiences to the art of storytelling, whether they are sharing folktales, fairytales, historical tales, or true personal stories; and

WHEREAS, Better Said Than Done aims to address the shortcoming of existing storytelling festivals, which keep this art form alive by enchanting and inspiring new generations of audiences, but which often underrepresent women and gender-expansive storytellers in their programming; and

WHEREAS, for three days in March each year, Better Said Than Done's Women's Storytelling Festival brings the nation's best women storytellers, as well as emerging artists, to the Commonwealth to build community, promote empathy, and entertain audience members through events that may be attended either in-person or virtually through livestreaming; and

WHEREAS, by organizing the Women's Storytelling Festival, Better Said Than Done has nurtured the Commonwealth's own singular contribution to the art of spoken word storytelling and elevated women's voices in the national conversation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Better Said Than Done, Inc., hereby be commended for the achievements of its annual Women's Storytelling Festival; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jessica Robinson, executive director of Better Said Than Done, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to storytelling and women's empowerment in the Commonwealth and beyond.

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