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Dolores Huerta Proclamation - Joint Board Matter

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Mr. Chairman –

Last week, Fairfax County was host to a truly special visitor in Dolores Huerta. Some of you may know Dolores as the co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association, the organization we now call the United Farm Workers. She also marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, alongside the honorable John Lewis during the fight for voting rights. She is a nationally recognized labor leader, civil-rights activist, and feminist who became one of the most influential voices for farmworker rights and social justice in the 20th century.

During her two-day visit to the Franconia District, she spoke to the students at John R. Lewis High School in the Lewis Leadership Lab. Later in the day Dolores participated in a Q&A session in the school auditorium sharing what gives her hope with young people today and sharing the movements done in the 20th century.

The next day, Dolores toured the Workforce Innovation Skills Hub (the WISH) in Hybla Valley with her cousin, Franconia District School Board Member Marcia St. John-Cunning. The Dolores Huerta Resource Center, which is very similar to the WISH, opened in 2025 in Nevada as a one-stop-shop community center for residents to access a variety of services and programs supporting arts, education, legal workshops, health services, technology and workforce development. Following the tour, Dolores Huerta spoke with residents, answered questions and expressed her interest in continuing to share ideas and collaborate on best practices. A special thank you to Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck for his participation.

Dolores Huerta has left quite the strong impression in her life and despite being the age of 95 years old continues to advocate for women's rights, immigrant rights, and labor rights.

In honor of her service visit to our students and residents, and her service to our country, I request that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation honoring the incredible life and public service of Dolores Huerta to be presented inside or outside of the Board Room.