

2004 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Commending Jessica Story.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 16, 2004
Agreed to by the Senate, January 22, 2004

WHEREAS, the canine members of many state and local police departments are regularly placed in harm's way and often run the same risks as police officers; and

WHEREAS, with few exceptions, members of K-9 units enter dangerous situations and confront violent criminals without the protection routinely afforded their human counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Story, a student at Orchard View Elementary School in Frederick County and a resident of Stephens City, set out to rectify the situation; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Story, who is nine years old, has raised more than \$3,000 in the past year to purchase bulletproof and stab-resistant vests for five police dogs in Frederick County, South Hill, and the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, through a variety of fund-raising techniques, Jessica Story plans to raise enough money to buy 12 more vests for the state police and six more for the Washington police; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Story, who began her program independently, has recently become the Virginia version of "Pennies to Protect Police Dogs," an organization started in 2000 by a 12-year-old Florida girl that has raised more than \$200,000 in 16 states; and

WHEREAS, the initiative and perseverance of Jessica Story are remarkable in one so young, and numerous law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth are grateful for her dedication and energy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jessica Story for her generous and selfless contributions to the welfare of Virginia's police dogs; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jessica Story as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude.

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