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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

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*Commending Wright to Read on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.*

Patron—Ticer

WHEREAS, Wright to Read is commended for 30 outstanding years of promoting literacy through tutoring and mentoring elementary school students in the Alexandria community; and

WHEREAS, Wright to Read is a program of the Frank and Betty Wright Foundation that is administered by The Campagna Center; the Foundation was created in 1979 by Frank and Betty Wright; and

WHEREAS, Frank Wright, founder of the Washington Insurance Brokerage firm, Wright & Co., and his wife, Betty, one of the owners of the magazine publishing company, Historical Times, Inc., moved to Old Town Alexandria in 1953; and

WHEREAS, upon creation of the Foundation, Frank and Betty Wright chose to focus the efforts of the Foundation on a remedial reading program in Alexandria that would teach children both how to read and how to enjoy reading; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated first director of Wright to Read, Kathie Hintenach, served for 27 years and worked diligently to establish the framework of the program; and

WHEREAS, Wright to Read has two components to help students achieve their potential in reading: a tutoring/mentoring program and an after school group-tutoring program; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria City Public School teachers refer students who are identified as reading below grade level or who would benefit from additional reading to Wright to Read; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the community tutor the students; participate with the students in enriching activities, such as book groups and field trips; and frequently continue to work with the students as they move into middle school; and

WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, Wright to Read has helped thousands of students reach their potential by providing the resources to enable them to develop the fundamental skill and love of reading that is vital to all learning; and

WHEREAS, the work of Wright to Read could not be accomplished without the thousands of generous volunteers who have graciously given of their time and talents to enable the next generation to succeed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Wright to Read on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wright to Read as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for its outstanding work and best wishes for its future.

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