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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 232

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*Commending Polaris Project.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Martin and Newman; Delegates: Bulova, Comstock, Filler-Corn, Hugo, Keam, Kory and Watts

WHEREAS, in 2012, Polaris Project celebrates 10 years of working to create a world without human trafficking and without modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, named after the North Star that guided slaves toward freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project brings together everyday people to create a nationwide network focused on combating human trafficking and helping the victims of modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, Polaris Project has developed expert knowledge of trafficking networks around the world that is relied upon by law-enforcement officers, elected officials, business leaders, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, Polaris Project advocates for stronger federal and state laws against human trafficking, conducts training, and provides vital services to clients; and

WHEREAS, Polaris Project operates the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline; since its inception, the hotline has answered 48,000 calls, connected 5,600 victims to services, and reported more than 2,000 cases to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Polaris Project has directly provided services to 500 human trafficking survivors through its client services program and trained more than 42,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Polaris Project has provided invaluable services and support to the victims of human trafficking while working to end the practice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Polaris Project on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Polaris Project as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and respect for the organization's efforts to end human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

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