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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 451

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Serve Our Willing Warriors.*

Patrons—Ramadan and Hugo

WHEREAS, Serve Our Willing Warriors, a nonprofit organization in Haymarket, has provided comfort and support to wounded and ill soldiers and veterans since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Serve Our Willing Warriors traces its roots to a Park Valley Church group in Haymarket that began visiting service members in Walter Reed Hospital and Fort Belvoir Hospital; the group offered gift bags during the holidays and cookouts in the summer as a means of showing friendship and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, realizing a need to expand beyond a hospital setting, Serve Our Willing Warriors became a nonprofit corporation and set out on a mission to establish the Bull Run Warrior Retreat; and

WHEREAS, the Bull Run Warrior Retreat, located at an 11,000-square-foot home on a picturesque 44-acre estate in Prince William County, will offer week-long retreats to recovering service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, designed to provide a respite from a hospital environment, the Bull Run Warrior Retreat will allow service members to heal, reconnect with their families, and find support from comrades and grateful citizens; and

WHEREAS, Serve Our Willing Warriors owes much of its success to a growing number of informed, engaged, and supportive individuals and businesses in the Haymarket and Prince William County communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Serve Our Willing Warriors for its dedication to honoring and serving members of the United States Armed Forces; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Serve Our Willing Warriors as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the group's noble mission.

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