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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 315

Offered January 17, 2017

*Commending the Center for Alexandria's Children.*

Patrons—Ebbin and Barker; Delegates: Herring and Levine

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Center for Alexandria's Children opened its doors as the first Child Advocacy Center serving the City of Alexandria, to provide coordinated and collaborative services to abused children; and

WHEREAS, in the decade since, the Center for Alexandria's Children has grown into a full-service nonprofit organization that provides prevention, response, and education programs to ensure that all children in Alexandria enjoy a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the equal importance of child abuse prevention, the Center for Alexandria's Children offers a one-of-a-kind Learn & Play Group program that has served 2,979 children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Alexandria's Children has provided child sexual abuse prevention trainings to 957 individuals, helping to protect approximately 24,000 of Alexandria's children from sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Alexandria's Children embodies the value of strategic public-private partnerships and community empowerment to prioritize the health and well-being of children and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Center for Alexandria's Children 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 the Center for Alexandria's Children as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its service to Alexandria's children.

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