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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 254

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*Commending the March for Life.*

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WHEREAS, the March for Life, an annual rally to protest the practice of abortion, promote the value of human life, and advocate on behalf of unborn children, held its 45th march in 2018; and

WHEREAS, established in October 1973, the first March for Life was organized by the late Nellie Gray, a pro-life activist, as a response to the landmark ruling in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, held in January each year, the March for Life has grown from a small demonstration to the largest pro-life event in the world, with thousands of attendees meeting at the National Mall and marching to the United States Supreme Court Building; and

WHEREAS, the March for Life strives to create a world where every human life is valued and protected and raises awareness of the effects of legalized abortion on the lives of women and unborn children; and

WHEREAS, the March for Life provides an opportunity for pro-life groups to unite around a common message of the importance of every human life and work to communicate that message to government officials and members of the public in a peaceful, powerful way; and

WHEREAS, the March for Life draws pro-life activists and leaders from many walks of life, and many pro-life events are held in conjunction with the rally, such as candlelight vigils, prayer services, and conferences; in 2010, the nonprofit organization Americans United for Life created an online virtual march for people unable to travel to Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the March for Life on the occasion of its 45th anniversary in 2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the March for Life as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its life-affirming mission.

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