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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 382

Offered February 27, 2018

*Commending Reuse and Replay.*

Patron—Sullivan

WHEREAS, since 2016, the Arlington charitable program Reuse and Replay has collected and donated thousands of pieces of sports equipment to people in need in the Commonwealth and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Reuse and Replay was organized in August 2016 by Yorktown High School student Mia Lee, who founded it as a school club and solicited the help of friends and classmates to collect new and gently-used sports equipment; the program has since expanded to other schools in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Reuse and Replay has evolved into a nonprofit organization and collected and distributed over 2,000 sports items, including soccer balls and cleats; hockey sticks and pads; tennis balls and racquets; golf clubs and bags; baseball bats, helmets, gloves, and balls; footballs; and basketballs; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Reuse and Replay received donations from numerous individuals and organizations and held special collection drives during the Arlington Soccer Association's ASIST tournament and Yorktown High School's Back-to-School Night; it also partnered with other charitable groups such as Leveling the Playing Field and Wheels to Africa; and

WHEREAS, Reuse and Replay has distributed sports equipment to a variety of local organizations that aid underserved youths, including Maya Angelou Public Charter School, the Mount Olivet Ministry, schools in Anacostia, the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, Community Family Life Services, the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, and The First Tee of Greater Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Reuse and Replay has sent baseball uniforms to the Dominican Republic and soccer balls and cleats to Africa; in July 2017, two members of the group traveled to Tanzania to help distribute sports equipment, school supplies, and other items; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated volunteers of Reuse and Replay have worked tirelessly to increase access to athletic equipment for those in need and serve as excellent role models for their fellow students across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Reuse and Replay on its valuable community service and global outreach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Reuse and Replay as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the group's efforts to make sports equipment available to people in Arlington County and around the world.

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