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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 471

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Allison Stocks.

Patron—Sullivan

WHEREAS, since 2016, Arlington resident and Yorktown High School student Allison Stocks has run Home Is Where the Art Is, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing original artwork to people transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Allison Stocks was inspired to create Home Is Where the Art Is at age 13, when she saw a news article and accompanying photograph about a formerly homeless family moving into an apartment; noticing that the walls of the family's home were bare, she began working with local organizations to provide framed art to people preparing to move out of homeless shelters and into stable housing; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Allison Stocks' nonprofit organization has collected hundreds of original artworks as well as mattes and framing materials, and has donated pieces of art to over 50 people in the Washington area and one person in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Allison Stocks receives artwork donations from a variety of sources, including CentroNia School, Washington-Lee High School, and the Arlington Artists Alliance; she then works with the shelters New Hope Housing, Doorways for Women and Families, and Shelter House to ensure the paintings reach people making the transition into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Home Is Where the Art Is has an online gallery of available artwork that shelter caseworkers can show their residents; once a person chooses a piece, Allison Stocks and her family will frame and deliver it; and

WHEREAS, by providing original artwork without charge, Allison Stocks has brightened the lives of numerous formerly homeless individuals and helped ease their transition into new homes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Allison Stocks for her service to the community as the creator of the Home Is Where the Art Is organization; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Allison Stocks as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her remarkable accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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