

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 498

Commending Growing Kids Therapy Center.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Growing Kids Therapy Center in Herndon uses innovative methods to help non-speaking, minimally speaking, and unreliably speaking individuals improve their motor skills and ability to communicate; and

WHEREAS, Growing Kids Therapy Center was founded by Elizabeth Vosseller, who previously worked at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in autism; she also taught more than 20 undergraduate and graduate-level hearing and speech sciences courses at The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Vosseller developed a passion for clinical training through field supervision of teachers and speech-language pathologists during their graduate studies; she established Growing Kids Therapy Center to serve clients and their families full time; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Elizabeth Vosseller began using augmentative and alternative communication techniques—methods to supplement or replace speech for those with impairments; and

WHEREAS, with Elizabeth Vosseller's Spelling to Communicate method, clients of Growing Kids Therapy Center utilize their cognitive and language skills to overcome speech difficulties by pointing to letters on a board to communicate; and

WHEREAS, Growing Kids Therapy Center hosts interns from various service fields and established the Accessing Community Through Spelling professional development program to develop a network of trained practitioners prepared to serve all types of clients; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Herndon Town Council recognized April as National Autism Acceptance Month with a proclamation that had been written by the students of Growing Kids Therapy Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Growing Kids Therapy Center for its work to help individuals develop motor skills and their ability to communicate; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth Vosseller, founder of the Growing Kids Therapy Center, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its service to the Herndon community.

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