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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered February 21, 2018

Commending Evelyn Ivey.

Patrons—Adams, D.M., Ayala, Carr, Carroll Foy, Fariss, Gooditis, Guzman, Murphy, Ransone, Rasoul, Rodman, Roem and VanValkenburg

WHEREAS, Evelyn Ivey, a 14-year-old resident of Chesterfield County and freshman of James River High School, helped increase awareness of anxiety and depression among young people and raised thousands of dollars for the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Ivey, then an eighth-grade student at Robious Middle School, offered to shave her head after meeting her fundraising goal; she was inspired by her brother, who participated in a similar campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Ivey's fundraiser benefited the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation, which works to cultivate awareness and understanding of anxiety and depression, especially in teenagers, by creating and delivering educational programs for youths and providing helpful tools; the foundation honors the memory of Cameron Gallagher, a teenage community member who suffered from anxiety and depression and tragically died after finishing a half-marathon on March 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Ivey's goal of \$13.1 thousand was a direct reference to the 13.1 kilometer distance of a half-marathon; her generous campaign helped reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and provided a voice for teenagers living with mental illness, many of whom do not seek treatment because of stigma; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Ivey exceeded her goal with the help of friends, family, classmates, and members of the Chesterfield County community, and she did indeed shave her head; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Evelyn Ivey hereby be commended for raising more than \$13,410 to support the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Evelyn Ivey as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her work to raise awareness of depression and anxiety among teenagers.

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