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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 759

Offered January 28, 2019

Commending Mikael Martinez Jaka.

Patrons—Reid, Bell, John J., Delaney, Gooditis, Murphy, Tyler and Ward; Senators: Boysko and Favola

WHEREAS, Mikael Martinez Jaka, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 786, was honored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement with the prestigious Messengers of Peace Heroes Award at the United Nations headquarters in New York; and

WHEREAS, Mikael Martinez Jaka is a Life Scout, a member of the Order of the Arrow, and an Eagle Scout candidate who has already completed his Eagle Scout project; and

WHEREAS, Mikael Martinez Jaka was one of 11 Scouts from around the world and the only Scout representing the United States honored by the Messengers of Peace ceremony at the United Nations in New York City on International Peace Day on September 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mikael Martinez Jaka was honored for his Eagle Scout project at the Loudoun Freedom Center's African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont where he created a 400-foot walking trail to be used by future visitors to the site, to help guide visitors and make the cemetery more accessible; and

WHEREAS, Mikael Martinez Jaka received this recognition because his Eagle Scout project was aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, including promoting just, peaceful, strong, and inclusive societies; Messengers of Peace is a World Scouting initiative designed to encourage Scouts to inspire others to action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mikael Martinez Jaka for his achievements as a 2018 Messengers of Peace Heroes Award winner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mikael Martinez Jaka as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his diligent service and contributions to the community.

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