## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 251**

Commending Cameron Marks.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2019

WHEREAS, Cameron Marks of Fairfax County received an award for his courageous and life-saving actions to protect his sister during a dog attack; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2017, Cameron and Marin Marks, who were 11 and seven years old at the time, were walking home from their school bus stop when they encountered two aggressive dogs running loose in front of a neighbor's house; and

WHEREAS, without provocation, one dog attacked Marin Marks by jumping and biting her on the arm, while the other dog bit her ankles; Cameron Marks reacted immediately, pulling his sister away and placing himself between her and the dogs; and

WHEREAS, as both dogs continued to circle and jump on the children, Cameron Marks used his body as a shield to protect his sister, sustaining injuries of his own, until the neighbor was able to secure the dogs; and

WHEREAS, Marin Marks suffered from a broken arm, puncture wounds, and other minor lacerations, but both children ultimately recovered thanks to Cameron Marks' selflessness and decisive action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cameron Marks hereby be commended for his heroic efforts to protect his sister; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cameron Marks as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his bravery and quick-thinking during a crisis.