HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 400

Offered February 21, 2019

Commending the Step Sisters.

Patron—Bell, John J.

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WHEREAS, the Step Sisters celebrates its fifth anniversary of offering services to improve the lives of local breast cancer patients in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Step Sisters was established by a group of women working to raise funds for breast cancer research; in 2014, the Step Sisters formally organized as a nonprofit organization and expanded its mission to include providing services directly supporting area breast cancer patients and their families: and

WHEREAS, the Step Sisters first began providing services, including rides to treatment sessions, child care to allow patients to attend appointments, house cleaning and lawn care assistance, pet care, and healthy food delivery to patients' homes, for patients receiving care at Inova Loudoun Hospital; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Step Sisters has expanded its services to include financial assistance from the Crisis Fund, to help patients pay rent, mortgages, and utilities while they undergo expensive treatment, and delivery of chemotherapy care bags to patients initiating chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, the Step Sisters now offers support and services to patients receiving care at six medical care facilities in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Step Sisters hereby be commended on the occasion of its fifth anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Step Sisters as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its service to patients undergoing breast cancer treatment, their families, and the community.