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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 360

Offered February 5, 2019

*Commending Johanna Schuchert.*

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WHEREAS, for the past 42 years, Johanna Schuchert has dedicated her life to the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Johanna Schuchert got her start in the cause in the 1970s by fundraising and increasing awareness of how preventing child abuse and neglect can disrupt cycles of poverty and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Johanna Schuchert's volunteering turned into full-time work when she founded Parents Anonymous of Virginia and became its director in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Johanna Schuchert merged Parents Anonymous of Virginia with Stop Child Abuse Now to form Virginians for Child Abuse Prevention to create new programs that would benefit children and families across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Johanna Schuchert helped develop Hugs and Kisses, Virginia's only statewide, school-based child sexual abuse prevention and early intervention program that is now in its 35th year and reaches more than 40,000 Virginia elementary students each school year; and

WHEREAS, Johanna Schuchert was also involved in numerous other programs that have benefited Virginia's children and families, such as helping incarcerated parents remain connected to their children, creating training programs to better educate day care staff, and launching issue-based coalitions like the Virginia Statewide Parent Education Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Johanna Schuchert supported the merger of CHIP of Virginia, Early Impact Virginia, and Prevent Child Abuse Virginia to create Families Forward Virginia, giving an even stronger voice for the Commonwealth's children and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Johanna Schuchert, a passionate advocate for children and families in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Johanna Schuchert as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her many years of tireless service to protecting, improving and enhancing the lives of Virginia's children and families by disrupting the cycles of child abuse, neglect and poverty.

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