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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 215

Offered February 10, 2020

Commending Asha-Jyothi.

Patrons—Delaney, Cole, M.L., Hope, Reid and Simonds; Senator: Bell

WHEREAS, Asha-Jyothi, a nonprofit organization based in Chantilly dedicated to supporting the community through health care and education initiatives, gave nearly \$90,000 in grants to 17 public schools in the Counties of Fairfax and Loudoun in 2019; and

WHEREAS, distributed as part of Asha-Jyothi's Educate-Innovate program, the grants will provide funding for the schools to enhance their technology education, inspiring today's children to be the trailblazers of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Run Middle School in Chantilly was the grand prize recipient at the 2019 Educate-Innovate awards ceremony, receiving \$60,000 to establish an "Inspiration Lab" that will feature a Lego wall, a podcasting/recording studio, and a modular workspace with dry erase tabletops and flexible seating; and

WHEREAS, the other 2019 recipients of Asha-Jyothi's Educate-Innovate grants include Brookfield Elementary School in Chantilly, which received \$1,800 to acquire Ozobots that will be used to teach programming skills, and Liberty Middle School in Clifton, which will use its \$2,950 grant to purchase a vinyl cutter; and

WHEREAS, through its annual 5K run/walk, Asha-Jyothi encourages community interest in and support of technology education for area youth, matching and distributing the registration fees to the schools with representatives participating in the event, an initiative that resulted in thousands of dollars in donations to 17 public schools in the Counties of Fairfax and Loudoun in 2019; and

WHEREAS, through its grants to schools and individuals in the Commonwealth and throughout the country, Asha-Jyothi demonstrates a remarkable commitment to fostering the next generation of technology inventors and innovators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Asha-Jyothi, a nonprofit organization in Chantilly that supports education and health projects in the Commonwealth and beyond, for its impressive contributions to Fairfax and Loudoun public schools in 2019 through its Educate-Innovate grant program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sekhar Puli, founder of Asha-Jyothi, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for the organization's efforts to support education in the Commonwealth.

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