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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 216

Offered February 10, 2020

Commending the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers.

Patrons—Delaney, Cole, M.L., Hope and Reid; Senators: Bell and Howell

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers, a group of youth volunteers serving the Stony Brook Apartments community in Fairfax, were honored as the Youth Volunteer Group of the Year at the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers support the low-income and middle-income residents of Stony Brook Apartments, which were built by the Community Preservation and Development Corporation in 1972; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving people of all ages, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers held bingo nights for adults, early education reading programs for children, and summer sports programs; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving its neighborhood's access to healthy, locally grown food, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers planted, grew, and harvested vegetables in a community garden, donating most of the yield to Stony Brook residents in need; and

WHEREAS, with the aim to strengthen local sustainability efforts, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers ran a door-to-door recycling collection program, gathering recyclables from residents every Monday to encourage the practice; and

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers organized a community day featuring carnival games, baked goods, giveaways, and other activities for nearly 150 attendees from around the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in April 2018, the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers were featured in a national service campaign, the Scooby-Doo Doo Good campaign, sponsored by Scooby-Doo, Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., and generationOn; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Doo Good campaign, 60 youth volunteers cleaned a stretch of Little Hunting Creek located immediately behind the Stony Brook apartments, greatly enhancing the environment in which its residents live and play; and

WHEREAS, the hard work of the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers has improved the quality of life for residents of the Stony Brook Apartments and served as an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers for being distinguished as the Youth Volunteer Group of the Year at the 2019 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Stony Brook Junior Volunteers as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for their achievements and best wishes for the future.

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