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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 263

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*Commending Devotion to Children.*

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WHEREAS, Devotion to Children, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality, affordable childcare to families in need, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, originally founded in Falls Church in 1994, Devotion to Children has since expanded to Reston, serving countless children and families throughout Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that a child's first six years are the most critical period for brain development and learning, Devotion to Children works to ensure every child receives the education and care they need to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Devotion to Children tackles the problem of inadequate daycare and education services for underprivileged children by raising awareness of the issue in the community; fundraising to support scholarships, grants, and other programs; and initiating partnerships with organizations similarly committed to addressing the inequities that limit access to early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, aiming to offer children the best daycare and education available while enabling their parents and guardians to work or attend school full-time, Devotion to Children provides an invaluable service to the health and well-being of families and the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone, Devotion to Children was able to assist 215 children through scholarships, programs, and computer labs, and each year gives numerous scholarships to both families in need and qualifying preschool programs; and

WHEREAS, with the help of many corporate leaders, donors, and volunteers, Devotion to Children has given thousands of children a winning head start and the potential to live successful, rewarding lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Devotion to Children, a nonprofit organization committed to serving economically disadvantaged young children and their families, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rosemary Tran Lauer, founder and president of Devotion to Children, as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration and respect for the organization's service on behalf of families of the Commonwealth.

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