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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 369

Offered February 27, 2020

*Commending Zenaviv.*

Patrons—Murphy, Kory and Sullivan; Senators: Boysko and Favola

WHEREAS, Zenaviv in Ashburn works with local businesses, corporations, hospitals, and individuals to empower artists with special needs by promoting and selling prints of their artwork; and

WHEREAS, Zenaviv was cofounded by Harish Bikmal and his son, Saket Bikmal, whose older brother, Himal, was diagnosed with severe nonverbal autism but discovered an outlet for expression through painting; the Bikmal family subsequently held a fundraiser showcasing Himal's art, and more than 100 people contributed their own art to the successful event; and

WHEREAS, Zenaviv was established to benefit other individuals living with autism and their families by supporting their artistic endeavors; the organization has provided hope and a sense of accomplishment to participants, while helping parents and guardians nurture their children's unique strengths and talents; and

WHEREAS, Zenaviv offers prints on paper, canvas, or acrylic, as well as calendars, tote bags, mugs, greeting cards, and other products, allowing artists to earn an income, gain self-esteem, and help support their families; members of Zenaviv have completed murals at the Four Seasons Hotel and the Jefferson Hotel in Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Zenaviv for its work to enhance the lives of people with autism; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zenaviv as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its work to promote inclusivity and empower artists.

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