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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 484

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending A Place to Be.

Patrons—Subramanyam; Senator: Bell

WHEREAS, A Place to Be has delivered innovative and influential music therapy services in Virginia since 2010, helping people with disabilities and medical and mental health challenges experience greater independence and find belonging and hope; and

WHEREAS, A Place to Be increases its music therapy reach by offering powerful inclusive performances that help change the audience's perceptions of people with disabilities; some of these performances have been held at acclaimed venues, such as The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, clients of A Place to Be thrive and experience growth through the power of music therapy and performance opportunities and many become mentors to others and community advocates for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, programs organized by A Place to Be now serve more than 400 families each week and performances have reached more than 100,000 school children and community members, making it one of the largest music therapy nonprofit organizations in the county; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of A Place to Be have been recognized by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which presented the organization with the Best Emerging Arts Organization Award; the *American Journal of Critical Care*, which published research based on work by A Place to Be examining the use of music therapy in an intensive care unit; and the American Music Therapy Association, which bestowed upon the organization the Professional Practice Award; and

WHEREAS, today, the impact of A Place to Be extends throughout the Commonwealth and nation by helping countless individuals reach their therapeutic goals and tap into their potential through music therapy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend A Place to Be for its contributions to the well-being of the Commonwealth and its communities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to A Place to Be as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements and best wishes for the future.

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