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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Offered March 5, 2020

*Commending the Arc of Loudoun.*

Patrons—Subramanyam, Delaney, Murphy and Samirah

WHEREAS, the Arc of Loudoun, a nonprofit organization assisting individuals of all ages with mental disabilities, has admirably served its community for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Arc of Loudoun's programs benefited more than 6,000 individuals and their families, primarily through its major facilities and programs, including the Ability Fitness Center, A Life Like Yours (ALLY) Advocacy Center, the Aurora Behavioral Clinic, the Aurora School, and the Open Door Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, at the Arc of Loudoun's Ability Fitness Center, expert clinicians and specialists support therapeutic fitness and wellness activities, helping individuals with neurophysical injuries and dysfunctions attain greater functionality; and

WHEREAS, at its ALLY Advocacy Center, the Arc of Loudoun supports its community and encourages greater awareness and understanding of mental health issues through events, workshops, and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Behavior Clinic operated by the Arc of Loudoun serves as a hub for applied behavior analysis-based individualized therapeutic services for children with autism and related disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Arc of Loudoun administers the Aurora School, a private day school that utilizes applied behavior analysis to enhance the learning experience for people ages five through 22 with intellectual or developmental disabilities or other cognitive or behavioral impairments; and

WHEREAS, through the Open Door Learning Center, the Arc of Loudoun cultivates an interactive learning environment for children ages two through seven to prepare for the next stage in their education; and

WHEREAS, by upholding its core values of safety, integrity, teamwork, empowerment, and success, the Arc of Loudoun provides opportunities for individuals of all ages with mental disabilities to thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Arc of Loudoun hereby be commended for its many years of service on behalf of families in Loudoun County and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Arc of Loudoun as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.