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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

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Commending Greater Richmond Fit4Kids.

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WHEREAS, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving children's health in the Richmond metropolitan area, celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, with support from the Richmond-based organization Sports Backers and the Robins Foundation, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids was formed in April 2010 to tackle the causes of obesity that increasingly afflict children nationwide; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids strove to enhance physical education curriculums, provide healthier food options in school cafeterias, introduce nutrition programs for students and their parents, and increase the availability of after-school programs that encourage physical activity; and

WHEREAS, through many collaborative partnerships with local schools, governments, health systems, and community organizations, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids today reaches over 10,000 children each year across the Cities of Hopewell, Petersburg, Richmond, and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico; and

WHEREAS, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids has successfully introduced several innovative school-based programs, including the installation of "garden patch" salad bars at local schools as part of its Eat Fresh RPS initiative and the implementation of programs such as Safe Routes to School and Game On, Girl! that promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, beyond its work in area schools, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids has taken its efforts into the community, engaging with the public at local community centers, grocery stores, farmers markets, health clinics, and more; and

WHEREAS, with the unflagging dedication of its educators, partners, and volunteers, Greater Richmond Fit4Kids has supported the well-being of thousands of children and families in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Greater Richmond Fit4Kids, an organization committed to raising healthy young people and serving as a wellness model for schools around the country, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Dunne Stewart, president and chief executive officer of Greater Richmond Fit4Kids, as an expression of the House of Delegates' profound admiration for the organization's contributions to Richmond and the Commonwealth.

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