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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 562

Offered August 24, 2020

Commending Zohaib Begg.

Patrons—Subramanyam, Reid and Samirah

WHEREAS, Zohaib Begg, a rising third-grade student at Guidepost Montessori School in Loudoun County, has dedicated tremendous time and energy to support health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the early days of the pandemic, when there was an extreme shortage of personal protective equipment, Zohaib Begg collected more than 6,000 items, including shower caps, gloves, and face masks, that could be used to protect frontline health workers from contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Zohaib Begg received donations from six hotels in the Ashburn area that responded generously to his petition, including the Hilton Garden Inn, Embassy Suites, Aloft, Courtyard Marriott Dulles, SpringHill Suites, and Hyatt House; and

WHEREAS, Zohaib Begg previously received medical treatment from Inova Fairfax Hospital and was inspired to initiate his collection campaign by his desire to support the doctors and nurses that were there for him in his time of need; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary and selfless good deed, President Barack Obama shared a news article about Zohaib Begg on Twitter on March 30, 2020, describing him as an "inspiring kid"; and

WHEREAS, Zohaib Begg has received praise from around the world, an indication of the ways in which his story has uplifted countless individuals and encouraged others to do their part in the face of this historic public health crisis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Zohaib Begg, a rising third-grade student at Guidepost Montessori School, hereby be commended for his meritorious efforts to support health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Zohaib Begg as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to the Commonwealth.

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