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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 578

Offered August 27, 2020

*Commending the Mason LIFE Program.*

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WHEREAS, the Mason LIFE Program at George Mason University creates opportunities for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue post-secondary education in a supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, the Mason LIFE (Learning into Future Environments) includes programming related to academics, employment, residential life, and development of social skills founded on evidence-based best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Mason LIFE Program serves as an apprenticeship for George Mason University students to gain valuable experience in serving and empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, prior to the event's cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants in the Mason LIFE Program had planned to attend the 2020 Virginia Special Olympics with support from coaches AJ Ahmadi, Emilio Alonso, Leo Alonso, Jeffery Eskridge, Michael Frew, Adit Kale, Kevin Kanyan, Samuel Kumar, Alex Paone, Sasha Reed, and Brian Yapple; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Mason LIFE Program hereby be commended for its work to provide an environment in which young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can thrive in a university setting; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Mason LIFE Program as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its achievements on behalf of young adults.

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