

## 2021 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 308

*Commending the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, an initiative to support early childhood literacy in Loudoun County, was launched in 2021; and

WHEREAS, for more than two decades, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation has worked to provide more than 150 million books to young children across the country; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of Dolly Parton's 75th birthday, a group of teachers and moms in Loudoun County, led by Emerick Elementary School reading specialist Susan Lyons, launched the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to expand the organization's efforts in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the founders of the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library were inspired by the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, when increased time spent at home made the availability of quality reading material for children more urgent; and

WHEREAS, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library requires every chapter to partner with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to facilitate mailing and accounting, and the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library was developed in partnership with the Rotary Club of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, as part of the program, the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library will send children a new book every month for up to five years, helping countless area youth develop a love for reading that will contribute to their success throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, starting in Purcellville, Hillsboro, and Middleburg, the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library will extend its operations throughout Loudoun County as the organization grows; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library hereby be commended on the occasion of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Roots Grow Wings chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to the Commonwealth.

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