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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 531

Offered February 22, 2021

Commending Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu.

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WHEREAS, Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu, students at The Madeira School in McLean, have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support cancer research and raise awareness of the mission of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; and

WHEREAS, having both experienced the death of a family member due to cancer, Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu were compelled to support cancer prevention in their community; and

WHEREAS, Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu established Team Tyler, a fundraiser named for Tyler Thomas, an inspirational cancer survivor who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia when he was two years old; and

WHEREAS, along with the other members of Team Tyler—Ava Dunphy, Riya Ganguly, Ava Greathouse, Catherine Ndumbalo, Eliza Reed, and Kyleigh Woodrick—Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu have raised at least \$100,000 to support patients with blood-related cancers; and

WHEREAS, Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu are examples of youth leadership, and they have inspired other members of their community to learn more about supporting cancer research and prevention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu hereby be commended for their successful fundraising efforts on behalf of people with blood-related cancers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ayana Ahuja and Saanvi Paladugu as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for their accomplishments and philanthropic spirit.

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