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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 408

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Commending Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz.

Patron—Bennett-Parker

WHEREAS, Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz, leading members of the Kelley Cares Foundation, were inducted into the Living Legends of Alexandria Class of 2020 and will be honored with the award at an event in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz are the faces of the Kelley Cares Foundation, an organization established in the memory of their sister, Kelley, who passed away shortly after graduating from the former T.C. Williams High School in 2005 and who had a passion for helping people in the local special needs community; and

WHEREAS, through the Kelley Cares Foundation, Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz have supported the creation of numerous facilities and programs serving members of the community with special needs; and

WHEREAS, an early accomplishment of Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz and the Kelley Cares Foundation was the creation of the Kelley Cares Miracle Field at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center in Alexandria, which offers a place for individuals with special needs to enjoy the thrill of baseball, softball, tee ball, and other sports in an inclusive and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz, with the Kelley Cares Foundation, have enhanced the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center through other additions to the facility, including a multi-sensory room, a pre-kindergarten tot lot, and the Ruthanne Lodato Memorial Playground; and

WHEREAS, following the vision of their mother, Mimi, Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz helped establish a chapter of Project Lifesaver in Alexandria in 2016, an organization committed to quickly locating missing persons who have wandered as the result of an intellectual or developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz are the result of their tireless efforts and their unwavering dedication to serving the most vulnerable members of the community in memory of their sister; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz for being named 2020 Living Legends of Alexandria; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lindsey Swanson and Katey Halasz as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

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