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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 409

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending Carol and Ryan Bailey.*

Patron—Bennett-Parker

WHEREAS, Carol and Ryan Bailey, a mother and son duo who have made extraordinary contributions to the Alexandria community through their support of individuals with special needs and their families, 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, Carol Bailey advocated for her son Ryan from when he was a toddler, ensuring that his needs were met throughout his educational journey, which culminated in his graduation from the former T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Carol Bailey chaired the advisory council to the City of Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation Center, facilitating 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, Ryan Bailey has participated in various fundraisers with the Kelley Cares Foundation, including the Kelley Cares 5K runs, and has been an inspiration to countless members of the community through his positive attitude and indefatigable spirit; and

WHEREAS, Carol Bailey assisted with the creation of the mobile sensory unit at the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center during her tenure with the Therapeutic Recreation Center, providing sensory items to soothe and comfort individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, inspired by an experience in which Ryan was lost during a school trip, Carol Bailey collaborated with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and the Kelley Cares Foundation to establish a chapter of Project Lifesaver in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Carol and Ryan Bailey have made great efforts to promote Special Olympics Virginia, with Carol organizing events as a Special Olympics coordinator and Ryan competing in basketball and track and field events between 2004 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Carol and Ryan Bailey are active and engaged members of the Del Ray community, giving generously of their time to the Del Ray Business Association and its many events and festivities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their impact on the community, Ryan Bailey was presented a service award by the Optimist Club of Alexandria in 2008, and Carol Bailey received a lifetime award from the Del Ray Business Association for her 25 years of support as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Carol and Ryan Bailey are the result of their hard work and their unwavering dedication to serving individuals and families in Alexandria; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carol and Ryan Bailey 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 Carol and Ryan Bailey as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

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