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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered March 9, 2022

Commending Abhinav and Cheluvi Potineni.

Patron—Subramanyam

WHEREAS, Abhinav Potineni, a 16-year-old student at Rockbridge High School, and his sister, Cheluvi Potineni, a 13-year-old student at Stone Hill Middle School, created SOS280, a mobile application to help people at risk of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, SOS280 utilizes Twitter and Instagram to flag posts that may indicate substance abuse before sending a message to a trusted contact of the app user to indicate that they may be in a potential substance abuse situation; and

WHEREAS, Abhinav and Cheluvi Potineni's goal for the program to prevent substance abuse situations by utilizing machine learning to monitor social media history before notifying family members of potential risk; and

WHEREAS, Abhinav and Cheluvi Potineni were awarded third place in the Congressional App Challenge in Virginia District 10 for their innovative use of technology to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, SOS280 has since been adopted by the national nonprofit Faces and Voices of Recovery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Abhinav and Cheluvi Potineni hereby be commended for their innovative leadership and work to reduce substance abuse by creating the app SOS280; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Abhinav and Cheluvi Potineni as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their mission and best wishes for their continued success.

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