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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Offered March 10, 2022

2 3 Commending Love Harper. 4

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5 6 WHEREAS, Love Harper, a nonprofit organization in Southwest Virginia, has created and donated 7 hundreds of backpacks filled with comfort items for children that have experienced abuse or neglect; and 8 WHEREAS, Love Harper was created by Ronald and Shelly Poston in honor of their two-vear-old 9 granddaughter, Harper, who was killed in 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, Love Harper fills backpacks with toys, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, and other items and donates them to law-enforcement agencies and other organizations that work with 11 12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, Love Harper "comfort bags" are tailored to different age groups and can be used by 14 police officers or social workers to build a rapport with a child in need; and

WHEREAS, Love Harper has fulfilled its mission through generous donations from local individuals 15 and families as well as other community organizations; now, therefore, be it 16

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Love Harper hereby be commended for its work to 17 provide hope and support to young people that have experienced abuse; and, be it 18

19 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution

20 for presentation to Ronald and Shelly Poston, founders of Love Harper, as an expression of the House 21 of Delegates' admiration for the organization's achievements.