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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202

Offered March 7, 2022

Commending Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats.

Patrons—McClellan and Hashmi; Delegates: Bagby, Bourne, McQuinn, Rasoul and Willett

WHEREAS, Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats (MRAYD) was founded in 1997; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD compels young people in the community to become more active and engaged in their communities through involvement in local Democratic committees; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD encourages more pluralistic participation in the Democratic Party, increasing the roles for women, people of color, and other under-represented groups in government and the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD represents the interests of youth, under 36, who support the Democratic Party in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg and Hanover, Henrico, and Chesterfield counties; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD members have run for office, served the Commonwealth in the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, state agencies, local and federal offices, and nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD's notable alumni include Senator Jennifer McClellan, former Delegate Lashrecse Aird, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Carlos Hopkins, former Secretary of Administration Keyanna Conner, Richmond School Board 1st District representative Elizabeth Doerr, former Richmond School Board 2nd District representative J. Scott Barlow, former Legislative Director to Governor Ralph Northam, Melissa Neff; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD has hosted multiple Virginia Young Democrats conventions including 2006, 2012 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD meets monthly to provide its members with updates on its events and activities and to plan future initiatives in support of its mission; and

WHEREAS, MRAYD has performed great acts of community service for the Metro Richmond Area since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of MRAYD are the result of the visionary leadership of its board and the enthusiastic support of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Malena Llanos, President of Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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