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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 589

Offered January 26, 2023

Commending CyrusOne Sterling campus and Loudoun County Toys for Tots.

Patrons—Reid, Delaney, Gooditis and Murphy

WHEREAS, in 2022, the CyrusOne Sterling campus and Loudoun County Toys for Tots worked together to provide hope and joy to local children during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, established in 1947, the Marine Toys for Tots program, administered by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, collects and distributes toys and gifts to thousands of children in need each year; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Toys for Tots and Toys for Tots programs throughout the country rely on the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of community partners and local businesses to fulfill their mission; Toys for Tots programs have overcome numerous challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the CyrusOne Sterling campus, a data center company headquartered in Dallas, Texas, donated 10,000 square feet of unused office space to accommodate the collection, storage, and distribution of toys for Loudoun County Toys for Tots, helping the program return to in-person volunteering and toy distribution after the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in early December, members of Loudoun County Toys for Tots began preparing the space at the CyrusOne Sterling campus by laying down pallets to assist with the organization of the donated toys, which would be sorted and bagged according to children's ages; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Toys for Tots also received assistance from local fire and rescue departments, which hosted donation drives; a team of volunteers accepted the donations at the CyrusOne Sterling campus on December 9 delivered by Loudoun County Fire and Rescue services; and

WHEREAS, CyrusOne promotes good corporate citizenship across all of its locations, and the employees at the Sterling campus have previously volunteered at local schools and with other charitable youth organizations; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work and generosity of the members of the CyrusOne Sterling campus and Loudoun County Toys for Tots, more than 14,300 toys were distributed to 9,262 children in 2022; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend CyrusOne Sterling campus and Loudoun County Toys for Tots for their service to local young people in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the CyrusOne Sterling campus and Loudoun County Toys for Tots as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the importance of their work during the holiday season.