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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 477

Offered February 23, 2023

*Commending the Southwestern Youth Association.*

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WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Southwestern Youth Association, a nonprofit organization, has promoted healthy, safe, and fun athletic opportunities for young people in Centreville, Clifton, and the surrounding areas of southwestern Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Youth Association was established in 1973 through a generous donation from its founder, Carl Mullins; the association began with 350 participants in a spring soccer program that included 10 teams and soon expanded to other sports; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Youth Association is open to all young people in the community, regardless of their financial status or athletic ability, and strives to build strong character while promoting the values of teamwork, skill development, and respect; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Southwestern Youth Association serves more than 13,000 children between the ages of four and 19 from Centreville, Clifton, and throughout the region; the association offers year-round opportunities in 13 different sports, including baseball, softball, track and field, soccer, football, volleyball, rugby, field hockey, lacrosse, cheerleading, wrestling, cricket, and basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Youth Association has fulfilled its mission through the hard work and dedication of more than 2,500 volunteers, who serve as board members, coaches, assistants, referees, umpires, team parents, maintenance staff, scorekeepers, fundraisers, and program coordinators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Southwestern Youth Association hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Southwestern Youth Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its service to young people in Northern Virginia.

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