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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 733

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Commending iFly Loudoun.

Patron—Bell, John J.

WHEREAS, iFly Loudoun, an indoor skydiving facility in Ashburn, sponsored a special All Abilities Night in October 2016 that was geared toward helping injured military veterans, individuals with spinal cord injuries, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, opened in March 2016, iFly Loudoun is one of iFly's 37 locations worldwide that offer an opportunity to skydive without jumping out of an airplane; instead, clients are lifted inside a 14-foot-wide cylinder air tube that simulates free fall conditions; and

WHEREAS, skydiving helps wounded military veterans get outside of their comfort zone and offers an unparalleled sense of freedom of flight, helping to shatter the pain and limitations that gravity puts on their bodies; and

WHEREAS, skydiving offers endless mental, physical, and emotional rehabilitative solutions, and iFly Loudoun cares about supporting flyers of all abilities and giving those with special needs the opportunity to have such a unique and potentially life-changing experience; and

WHEREAS, among the groups that participated in iFly Loudoun's All Abilities Night were Operation Enduring Warrior, a nonprofit organization that helps motivate wounded veterans through communal activities, Determined2Heal and SPINALpedia, two support organizations for people with spinal cord injuries, and the United Spinal Association of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend iFly Loudoun for sponsoring All Abilities Night in October 2016 to give wounded military veterans and those with spinal cord injuries and other disabilities a unique opportunity to experience skydiving; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to iFly Loudoun as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's dedication to helping wounded military veterans and others with life-changing physical and mental injuries.

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