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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 510

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Susan Ungerer.

Patrons—Boysko, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Plum, Simon, Turpin and Ware

WHEREAS, Susan Ungerer, a respected educator and the founder and president of the nonprofit organization Kids R First, was selected as the Rotary Club of Herndon's Citizen of the Year for 2018; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ungerer previously served as a Fairfax County elementary school teacher for several years; during her time in the classroom, she noticed that many of her economically disadvantaged students did not have the required school supplies to help them learn; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Susan Ungerer created the nonprofit organization Kids R First with the goal of helping kids in need acquire school supplies; she began by storing donated supplies in her garage and forming partnerships with schools in Herndon, Reston, and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, during its first year in operation, Susan Ungerer's nonprofit organization distributed school supplies free of charge to 150 children in the Fairfax County area; today, the organization helps some 30,000 students each year; and

WHEREAS, over its 20-year history, Kids R First has donated 2.5 million custom-ordered school supply items to 250,000 students; Susan Ungerer has also organized nearly 6,500 mini-scholarships for high school students and ensured that 99 percent of all money donated to her organization goes directly to kids in need; and

WHEREAS, through her work with Kids R First, Susan Ungerer has shown a selfless dedication to improving education in Fairfax County and has touched the lives of numerous deserving students; and

WHEREAS, Susan Ungerer received her Citizen of the Year Award during the Rotary Club of Herndon's 52nd Annual Recognition Banquet on March 7, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Susan Ungerer on being named the 2018 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Herndon; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Susan Ungerer as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her tireless efforts to benefit the children of Fairfax County.

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