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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

Offered March 8, 2018

Commending the Child Protection Partnership.

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WHEREAS, the Child Protection Partnership, a nonprofit organization that has worked tirelessly to eliminate child abuse and neglect in the Greater Prince William area, will hold its 15th Annual Luncheon in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Child Protection Partnership traces its roots to the late 1990s, when a group of concerned citizens in Prince William County formed a community organization to combat child abuse; today, the multi-jurisdictional network includes private citizens as well as representatives from Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park; and

WHEREAS, with a mission to heighten awareness of child abuse and inform the community about appropriate child care and supervision, the Child Protection Partnership runs workshops and education and advocacy efforts in the Greater Prince William area; and

WHEREAS, the Child Protection Partnership collaborates with numerous government entities, nonprofit organizations, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Child Protection Partnership is involved in several child safety initiatives, including the Kids in Cars Campaign, which educates parents about the dangers of leaving children alone in cars; the Safe Sleep Campaign, which raises awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and Darkness to Light, which works to empower adults to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Child Protection Partnership provides training for child care workers and professionals on issues of abuse and neglect and offers a Demystifying Child Protective Services presentation to teach community members to recognize signs that a child is at risk of harm; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Child Protection Partnership holds an annual fall conference that includes guest speakers and presentations on topics related to child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Child Protection Partnership also hosts an annual luncheon where it recognizes members of the community for outstanding work in protecting children; the 14th Annual Luncheon held on April 27, 2017, honored 25 individuals, including law-enforcement personnel, nonprofit staff, school counselors, health care workers, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, during its nearly two decades in operation, the Child Protection Partnership has served as a valuable network for concerned citizens to exchange ideas, raise awareness of child abuse and neglect, and promote child welfare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Child Protection Partnership hereby be commended for its dedication to serving the residents of Prince William County on the occasion of its 15th Annual Luncheon; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Child Protection Partnership as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for its tireless efforts to end child abuse.

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