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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 624

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Commending Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia.

Patrons—Kory, Keam, Lopez and Sullivan; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia has worked to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment and receives the support every child needs to become a contributing member of the community; and

WHEREAS, established in 1988 by Dave Cleary, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia promotes the health and wellness of children by working to improve parent-child relationships and prevent child abuse and neglect through comprehensive educational programs, innovative services, and passionate advocacy; and

WHEREAS, SCAN works directly with parents and raises awareness among members of the general public to cultivate engaging and empowering partnerships with the goal of ending child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, SCAN supports Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to ensure that children have well-qualified representation in the legal system; in 2017, 82 CASA volunteers dedicated more than 6,000 hours advocating for 198 abused and neglected children in Alexandria and Arlington; and

WHEREAS, SCAN has succeeded with the leadership of its board of directors, the help and hard work of countless staff members and volunteers, and generous donations from local service organizations, corporate partners, and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, SCAN commemorated its 30th anniversary with its Spring2Action campaign, profiles of the hardworking individuals who have helped the organization achieve its mission, and its Toast to Hope event in the fall of 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission to bring hope to children and families in the region.

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