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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 179

Offered February 4, 2020

*Commending the Canines-N-Kids Foundation.*

Patrons—Delaney, Cole, M.L., Hope, Samirah and Ware; Senators: Bell, Boysko, Howell and Reeves

WHEREAS, the Canines-N-Kids Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Loudoun County that supports research to cure cancers affecting children and dogs, has enabled members of its community to join in its fight through its BARKE SALE fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the traditional bake sale model, the Canines-N-Kids Foundation provides BARKE SALE kits, including flyers, postcards, and instructions, so that anyone can raise funds for cancer research and improve awareness of the links between child and canine cancers; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Canines-N-Kids Foundation provides "BARKE SALE in a Box" toolkits, which, for a small fee, offer everything one would need to carry out a fundraiser for cancer research on behalf of the children and canines this research supports; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of disease-related death in children, affecting nearly 16,000 patients annually, yet only four percent of the National Institutes of Health's budget and very limited private-sector funds are directed toward pediatric cancer research today; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the canine population, which suffers in great numbers from many of the same cancers afflicting children, offers a valuable body of patients for study that is greatly needed, the Canines-N-Kids Foundation seeks to support comparative oncology research that will encourage developments in the treatment and cure of both pediatric and canine cancers; and

WHEREAS, the Canines-N-Kids Foundation's commitment and innovative approach to one of society's greatest challenges offers hope for a better, healthier tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Canines-N-Kids Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Loudoun County dedicated to finding a cure for cancers that afflict children and dogs alike, for the success of its recently initiated BARKE SALE fundraiser; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ulrike Szalay, executive director and founder of the Canines-N-Kids Foundation, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt respect and admiration for the organization's efforts to end pediatric and canine cancers.

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