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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 361

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Commending the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run.

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WHEREAS, the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run, the flagship program of Willing Warriors, supports the health and rehabilitation of wounded, ill, injured, and disabled service members across the country; and

WHEREAS, inspired by earlier "taste-of-home" events at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, members of the Park Valley Church in Haymarket, incorporated later as Willing Warriors, envisioned a retreat that would provide an emotional and spiritual lift to wounded veterans undergoing difficult, time-intensive recoveries; and

WHEREAS, the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run gives service members and their families an opportunity to take a break from the hospital environment and rejuvenate in a relaxing, home-like setting; and

WHEREAS, located on 37 acres in the scenic foothills of the historic Bull Run Mountains of Northern Virginia, the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run furnishes idyllic surroundings in which service members and their families may unwind and reflect; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of a healthy mind and spirit to one's recuperation, the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run is an invaluable resource for service members undergoing the long and arduous healing process; and

WHEREAS, the respite offered at the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run is intended to revitalize wounded service members and their families, giving them the energy and motivation they need to push through the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, programs at the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run emphasize emotional and spiritual growth, with more than 60 mindfulness exercises and other activities employed to help participants reduce stress and cultivate a positive outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, the tireless and accommodating efforts of volunteers and staff at the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run have helped countless service members and their family members cope with the challenges of recovery and thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run for the generous and thoughtful support it provides recovering service members and their families; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Willing Warriors, parent organization of the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the lives of veterans and their families.

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