

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 741

Offered August 2, 2021

Commending Sleepy Hollow Preschool.

Patrons—Kory, Adams, D.M., Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, McQuinn and Simonds

WHEREAS, Sleepy Hollow Preschool in Annandale worked with John Calvin Presbyterian Church to ensure that local children had safe options for online and in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, established in 1949, Sleepy Hollow Preschool has provided generations of children with opportunities to learn through play; the school has operated continuously for more than 70 years and is currently located in rented space at John Calvin Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, as a cooperative preschool, Sleepy Hollow Preschool provides opportunities for parents or family members to work alongside teachers; the school emphasizes learning through recreational activities over a traditional academic curriculum; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sleepy Hollow Preschool adapted to the unique challenges of lockdown restrictions and social distancing requirements by sending parents ideas for at-home learning activities, hosting online classes with small groups, and conducting phone or video calls to ensure each student received personal interaction on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Sleepy Hollow Preschool and John Calvin Presbyterian Church established a COVID-19 Task Force to monitor risk levels and coordinate with the Fairfax County Health Department on effective safety precautions for a return to in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, in September 2020, Sleepy Hollow Preschool opened an all-outdoor program with enhanced cleaning procedures, smaller class sizes, increased health monitoring protocols, and mask requirements for all teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, Sleepy Hollow Preschool's impressive outdoor classroom at John Calvin Presbyterian Church comprises a playground, nature trails, swings, sandboxes, bikes, scooters, and a wooden train, along with other toys and engaging activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Sleepy Hollow Preschool hereby be commended for its work to provide safe opportunities for learning to local children during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sleepy Hollow Preschool as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the school's commitment to serving young members of the Annandale community.

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