## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 162**

Commending Christine Emily Ross.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2022

WHEREAS, Christine Emily Ross, founder and chief executive officer of Aid Another, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals and families with special needs, was named to the *Inside Business* "Top 40 Under 40" list in 2021; and

WHEREAS, *Inside Business*, a Hampton Roads business journal that is a division of *The Virginian-Pilot*, recognized Christine Ross for her accomplishments in her career and her impact in the community; and

WHEREAS, Christine Ross founded Aid Another to support individuals with special needs and their families through events and programs promoting awareness and advocacy and fostering integration and inclusion in the community; and

WHEREAS, Christine Ross is an active and engaged member of her community who serves with various outreach programs, such as toy and canned food drives, and who is co-director of the Champions Baseball division of the Great Neck Baseball League in Virginia Beach, an organization providing opportunities for children with special needs to get on the diamond and live out their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Christine Ross intends to extend Aid Another's programs and events throughout the Commonwealth in the coming years and is developing a children's book and podcast to further her goals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her advocacy work, Christine Ross and her husband, Ryan, are owners of the Sandbar Surf Bar along the Virginia Beach Oceanfront, where they create a fun and lively atmosphere for the enjoyment of their guests; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering commitment to people with special needs, Christine Ross has helped make Virginia Beach a more friendly and welcoming place for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Christine Emily Ross, founder and chief executive officer of Aid Another, for her admirable service on behalf of the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Christine Emily Ross as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.