HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 363

Commending the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2022

WHEREAS, the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team made history as the program's first-ever Cal Ripken World Series team; and

WHEREAS, the Cal Ripken Division of Babe Ruth Baseball is a nonprofit organization serving more than one million young people between the ages of four and 12 that works with local organizations to create unique programs tailored to the community; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Babe Ruth coordinates with the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation to create athletics programs that promote camaraderie, good sportsmanship, and enjoyment of the game; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team won district, state, and regional championships and represented the Commonwealth at the Cal Ripken World Series in Treasure Coast, Florida, finishing the tournament as runners-up; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team is the most successful team in the Arlington Babe Ruth's 36-year history; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team—John Anderson, William Bruce, Nathan Donahue, Michael Groharing, Theodore Henson, Cole Howard, Henry Juza, Samuel Lillis, Cole Nindorf, Samuel Pyser, Miles Quinn, Nathaniel Sadosky, and Gavin Vaughn—contributed to the exceptional season; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team benefited from the outstanding leadership of Jeff Groharing, Matt Bruce, Evan Howard, Manny Quinn, and Jen Sadosky, as well as the support of friends and family members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team on advancing to the Cal Ripken World Series; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Arlington Babe Ruth 9YO Storm Black baseball team as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the team's achievements.