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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 365

Offered March 4, 2022

*Commending Susan Thompson-Gaines.*

Patrons—Lopez, Bennett-Parker and Hope; Senators: Ebbin and Howell

WHEREAS, Susan Thompson-Gaines, an active and involved member of the Penrose neighborhood along the Columbia Pike corridor in Arlington, has greatly served her community by demonstrating and promoting various acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Susan Thompson-Gaines began her "Kindness Activist" blog to highlight acts of compassion and generosity in the neighborhood and to inspire people to look for ways to brighten the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Susan Thompson-Gaines subsequently initiated her "Kindness Yard Sale" events, a recurring fundraiser in which people give what they wish to pay for items while the funds are used to pay for Christmas gifts, winter coats, medical bills, rent, and more for individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that none of her neighbors would go hungry, Susan Thompson-Gaines established a free pantry, which she keeps stocked daily with food and other staples; and

WHEREAS, in an extraordinary display of love and hospitality, Susan Thompson-Gaines recently hosted a family of refugees from Afghanistan and assisted them with their transition into a new home; and

WHEREAS, Susan Thompson-Gaines' outsized impact on the community has multiplied through the countless people she has motivated to engage in acts of kindness for the benefit of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Susan Thompson-Gaines for her continued efforts to cultivate kindness in the Arlington community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Susan Thompson-Gaines as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her mission and many contributions to the Commonwealth.

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