## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172**

Commending Love Harper.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Love Harper, a nonprofit organization in Southwest Virginia, has created and donated hundreds of backpacks filled with comfort items for children that have experienced abuse or neglect; and WHEREAS, Love Harper was created by Ronald and Shelly Poston in honor of their two-year-old

granddaughter, Harper, who was killed in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Love Harper fills backpacks with toys, stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons, and other items and donates them to law-enforcement agencies and other organizations that work with children; and

WHEREAS, Love Harper "comfort bags" are tailored to different age groups and can be used by police officers or social workers to build a rapport with a child in need; and

WHEREAS, Love Harper has fulfilled its mission through generous donations from local individuals and families as well as other community organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Love Harper hereby be commended for its work to

provide hope and support to young people that have experienced abuse; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ronald and Shelly Poston, founders of Love Harper, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's achievements.