

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 416

Commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, for 85 years, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., an organization of mothers with children ages 2-19, has been dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic outreach; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill was founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the late Marion Stubbs Thomas on January 24, 1938, when 20 local mothers came together to discuss creating an organization to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for young people; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, 10 Jack and Jill chapters were involved in a national restructuring process, the organization's National Constitution and Bylaws were created, and the organization was incorporated in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 254 Jack and Jill chapters nationwide, representing more than 40,000 family members, with a headquarters in Washington, D.C.; in the Mid-Atlantic Region, there are 32 chapters in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia that are "fit, focused and ready" to serve their families; and

WHEREAS, each Jack and Jill chapter plans annual programming activities guided by a national theme; the current national theme is "The Power to Make a Difference For All Children: On Mission. On Purpose"; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill also promotes public awareness of child development issues through advocacy, educational programming and materials, and the organization of community and charitable events; and

WHEREAS, the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill, the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, fulfills its shared vision to invest in the future of children by supporting programs that create opportunities and challenges for children to learn and practice leadership skills and build character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jack and Jill of America, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 85th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the achievements of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., chapters across the Commonwealth and the United States.

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