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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 428

Offered February 22, 2023

Commending Bethany House of Northern Virginia.

Patron—Kory

WHEREAS, Bethany House of Northern Virginia, an organization dedicated to empowering women and children by helping them to escape domestic abuse and violence, held its 10th annual Garden of Light Gala and Auction on October 13, 2022, at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna; and

WHEREAS, based in Fairfax County since 1979, Bethany House of Northern Virginia provides safe, short-term housing and trauma-informed services to women and children from both the Commonwealth and around the country; and

WHEREAS, the Four H's of Bethany House of Northern Virginia—housing, help, healing, and hope for the future—encompass the organization's mission and the ways in which its staff and volunteers connect women and children with resources so that they may achieve greater security and independence; and

WHEREAS, Bethany House of Northern Virginia has grown over the years to better serve its community and is currently converting a donated home into an additional safe house to aid in the protection of women and children fleeing abuse; and

WHEREAS, through its Garden of Light Gala and Auction, Bethany House of Northern Virginia promotes awareness of domestic violence and abuse and raises funds to help the organization further its mission; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Bethany House of Northern Virginia over the years have been the result of the noble and inspiring efforts of its staff and volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to ensure brighter futures for an untold number of women and children in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Bethany House of Northern Virginia hereby be commended on the occasion of its 10th annual Garden of Light Gala and Auction; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tiffany Santana, executive director of Bethany House of Northern Virginia, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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