

## 2022 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

*Commending Better Together Falls Church.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, Better Together Falls Church, a nonprofit organization that has greatly supported small businesses and residents of Falls Church during the COVID-19 pandemic, was named a Falls Church City Public Schools Partner at a meeting of the Falls Church City School Board on April 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Adena Williams and Suzanne Hladky, founders of Better Together Falls Church, started the organization at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic as they sought ways to relieve the burden created by the historic public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, inspired by a similar initiative in Texas, Better Together Falls Church sold t-shirts and other apparel featuring the organization's logo and the slogan "We are better together. We are the Little City," donating 100 percent of the proceeds to support local businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, Better Together Falls Church's donation strategy included purchasing gift cards from local restaurants and businesses financially impacted by the pandemic and distributing them to individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Better Together Falls Church has raised more than \$50,000 to date and has maximized its impact in the community by collaborating with entities such as the Falls Church Education Foundation, Operation Pathways, Food for Others, and the City of Falls Church's department of housing and human services; and

WHEREAS, through extraordinary ingenuity and hard work, Better Together Falls Church has brought its community closer and reminded all of why Falls Church is a wonderful place to call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Better Together Falls Church hereby be commended for being named a 2021 Falls Church City Public Schools Partner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Adena Williams and Suzanne Hladky, founders of Better Together Falls Church, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

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