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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Offered February 22, 2022

*Commending Didlake.*

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WHEREAS, Didlake, an internationally accredited nonprofit organization headquartered in Manassas, has supported and advocated on behalf of adults and children with disabilities in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area for more than 55 years; and

WHEREAS, established in 1965, Didlake's tenured history began as a specialized school to help children with disabilities learn at their own pace and achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, after special education programs became available in public schools in the 1970s, the Didlake School reorganized as the Didlake Occupational Center, which provided jobs for former students over the age of 16 and offered occupational placement programs; and

WHEREAS, Didlake continued to expand the scope of its programs and services and has become one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, Didlake has enriched the lives of thousands of people with disabilities through job placement services, training, education, and transportation programs through work with numerous government agencies and commercial business clients; and

WHEREAS, with multiple community-based support programs in the Commonwealth, Didlake has helped hundreds of Virginians become active members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Didlake is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and approved by the United States Department of Labor, the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, and several Virginia agencies; and

WHEREAS, Didlake has fulfilled its mission to create opportunities for personal and professional growth for all members of the community through the hard work and dedication of its staff members and volunteers and the generosity of local partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Didlake be commended for more than 55 years of exceptional service to children and adults with disabilities; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Didlake as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission to support and empower Virginians.

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