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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 267

Offered February 22, 2022

*Commending Conner Cummings.*_____
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WHEREAS, Conner Cummings, a dedicated advocate for disabled individuals and their families, was presented the Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Award by the Fairfax Area - Disability Services Board at a virtual event held on December 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Conner Cummings was recognized by the Fairfax Area - Disability Services Board for his exceptional commitment to promoting equal rights and community inclusion and his advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at a young age and told by doctors he may never speak, read, or write, Conner Cummings has continually defied expectations as he has become a leading voice for the disabled community in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Conner Cummings's tireless advocacy, "Conner's Law" was passed by the General Assembly in 2015, ensuring many disabled young adults greater financial security by enabling judge's to require child support from noncustodial parents after their child with a disability turns 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the educational forums Conner Cummings hosted in partnership with the Arc of Northern Virginia and the Autism Society have given the disabled community a platform before candidates seeking public office and everyone an opportunity to better understand how public policy affects the lives of people with disabilities today; and

WHEREAS, Conner Cummings was appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to the Virginia Disability Commission in 2020 to bring a valuable perspective to the body's deliberations on legislative priorities for the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, through his courage in the face of adversity and unwavering resolve to promote equality and inclusion for the disabled community, Conner Cummings has served as an inspiration to many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Conner Cummings, noted advocate for people with disabilities, for receiving the Fairfax Area - Disability Services Board's Martha Glennan Disability Inclusion and Equality Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Conner Cummings as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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