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**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 225**

Offered January 28, 2025

*Commending the Fredericksburg City Public Schools Youth Mental Health Taskforce.*

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WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg City Public Schools Youth Mental Health Taskforce, composed of 20 local middle school and high school students, was established through a mental health grant that was previously awarded to eight school divisions in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Fredericksburg City Public Schools (FCPS) Youth Mental Health Taskforce works diligently to raise awareness of mental health issues and provides vital support and resources to students and other young people in the city; and

WHEREAS, the FCPS Youth Mental Health Taskforce hosted workshops, created educational materials, and organized events to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues and to foster a supportive environment where students can discuss mental health concerns and seek help without judgment; and

WHEREAS, the members of the FCPS Youth Mental Health Taskforce have worked closely with school officials and local mental health organizations to develop strategic programs that will enhance the emotional well-being of their peers; and

WHEREAS, the FCPS Youth Mental Health Taskforce participated in the Superintendent's Roundtable, which provided an important community platform for the members of the taskforce to share their perspectives and advocate for policies to meet the unique challenges facing young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Fredericksburg City Public Schools Youth Mental Health Taskforce, a youth-led advocacy group, hereby be commended for its work to promote mental health in the city's public schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fredericksburg City Public Schools Youth Mental Health Taskforce as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the group's work to build a healthier and safer school community.

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