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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 658

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending the Profound Autism Alliance.

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WHEREAS, the Profound Autism Alliance is a nonprofit organization that supports inclusive research and focused advocacy to enhance the lives of people with profound autism, as well as their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, individuals with profound autism require 24/7 care from an adult caregiver throughout their lives; people with profound autism also can have a severe intellectual disability or have minimal or no language and are frequently excluded from research and support programs because of their unique needs; and

WHEREAS, a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from April 2023 indicated that as many as one in four children with autism spectrum disorder have profound autism; and

WHEREAS, established in 2023, the Profound Autism Alliance was inspired by Jack Ursitti, a young man living with profound autism who struggled to access adequate treatment; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Profound Autism Alliance recognized that people with profound autism are in desperate need of inclusion and support and have built a network of health care professionals, researchers, advocates, family members, and other stakeholders to provide a unified voice for the profound autism community; and

WHEREAS, the Profound Autism Alliance has developed a wide range of programs to raise awareness of the challenges facing people with profound autism, including an annual Profound Autism Day in March, along with other events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Profound Autism Alliance hereby be commended for its achievements in service to people with profound autism and their families; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Profound Autism Alliance as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's life-changing programs and services.

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