

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 626

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4 *Commending the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association.*

5 Patrons—Cole and Mundon King

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7 WHEREAS, for more than a half-century, the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association has
8 provided meaningful support services to individuals and families coping with sickle cell disease,
9 empowering them to rise above the challenges of this chronic illness that affects one in 500 African
10 American children; and

11 WHEREAS, the Reverend Lawrence A. Davies and Janice Pryde Davies founded the Fredericksburg
12 Area Sickle Cell Association (FASCA) in 1972 with a vision for a statewide network of sickle cell
13 organizations that would provide education and promote awareness to improve health care services for
14 sickle cell patients; and

15 WHEREAS, FASCA was officially incorporated in 1994 to enhance its ability to fulfill its mission
16 and today serves children and families of the Greater Fredericksburg area, including Stafford,
17 Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline Counties; and

18 WHEREAS, FASCA assists individuals and families in their efforts to obtain quality medical services
19 and assistance with their daily needs by identifying community resources and fostering a network of
20 referral services; and

21 WHEREAS, through its world-class educational programs, FASCA helps individuals, families, and
22 health care providers better understand sickle cell disease, enabling many people to thrive with the
23 disorder; and

24 WHEREAS, FASCA is guided by a highly qualified board of directors that includes among its
25 membership nurses, clergy, parents who have raised children with sickle cell disease, and other devoted
26 advocates; and

27 WHEREAS, FASCA is operated entirely by volunteers and is financially self-sustaining through the
28 support of contributions, fundraisers, and membership dues, allowing the organization to readily pursue
29 its objectives without outside influence or interference; and

30 WHEREAS, FASCA commemorated its 50th anniversary on November 12, 2022, creating an
31 opportunity to celebrate the organization's service to the community and the impact it has had on so
32 many lives; now, therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association
34 hereby be commended for its service in promoting the health and well-being of countless individuals
35 and families in the Greater Fredericksburg area; and, be it

36 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
37 for presentation to the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association as an expression of the House of
38 Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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