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No. R-266. House concurrent resolution honoring Cindy Scott's third-grade class at Twinfield Union School for establishing a special friendship with the young patients at St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital-UNBROKEN KIDS Rehabilitation Center in Lviv, Ukraine.

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: Representatives Mihaly of Calais and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senator Vyhovsky

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russia invaded its neighbor, the independent nation of Ukraine, with a fury that shocked the world, and, as of February 24, 2024, aside from the multitude of military personnel casualties, Ukraine had experienced over 10,500 civilian deaths, including 587 children, and

<u>Whereas</u>, St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital in Lviv serves as the national medical hub for the treatment and rehabilitation of children injured by this war, and

Whereas, a world away, in Marshfield, Vermont, teacher Cindy Scott's third-grade class at Twinfield Union School, comprising students Autumn, Cassidy, Elise, Evelyn, Finn, George, Georgia, Gus, Jace, Liev, Lennix, Lincoln, Maeve, Matthew, Micah, Phil, Sadie, and Shay, decided, on their own initiative, to create "fidget" toy packets for these war victims, with personal notes of caring and love from each student composed in both English and Ukrainian, and arrangements were made for personal delivery of the packages, and

Whereas, after the gifts were delivered, the Twinfield third graders participated in a Zoom session with their counterparts in the "Superhero Class" at St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital, during which the youngsters at each location asked questions, sang songs, and recited poetry, and

Whereas, this extraordinary act of friendship was recognized with a fun class photo that appeared in the *Times Argus* newspaper and the third graders' receipt of a beautiful and heartfelt letter of gratitude from St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Cindy Scott's third-grade class at Twinfield Union School for establishing a special friendship with the young patients at St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital-UNBROKEN KIDS Rehabilitation Center in Lviv, Ukraine, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Twinfield Union School and to St. Nicholas Pediatric Hospital.