

## House Resolution 730

By: Representatives Beckles of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Hilton of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Beyond the Ribbon; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Beyond the Ribbon was established as a nonprofit organization dedicated to  
3 supporting cancer patients and their families, achieving 501(c)(3) status in October 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, since its inception, Beyond the Ribbon has provided essential financial  
5 assistance, beginning in 2018 with the purchase of grocery gift cards and expanding its  
6 support in 2019 by adopting four families for the holidays and paying out \$8,200 in rent,  
7 utilities, and meals; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Beyond the Ribbon launched its first  
9 Back to School Supplies initiative in 2020 to support children in cancer-affected families,  
10 distributing \$25,000 in assistance while maintaining free events to ensure continued  
11 community support; and
- 12 WHEREAS, recognizing the increasing financial burdens faced by families, Beyond the  
13 Ribbon prioritized rental assistance in 2021, providing \$9,000 to help families remain in their  
14 homes and distributing a total of \$29,000 in aid; and

15 WHEREAS, Beyond the Ribbon expanded its programming in 2022 with the introduction  
16 of two free initiatives, Kid's Day at the Farm and Survivor Spa Days, which offer  
17 opportunities for survivors and families to connect and heal with one another; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2023, Beyond the Ribbon focused on addressing food insecurity and utility  
19 expenses, adopting 27 children for Back to School Supplies and distributing \$41,000 in  
20 financial aid; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2024, Beyond the Ribbon continued its commitment to cancer support,  
22 ultimately adopting 38 families, including 78 children, for the holidays and providing  
23 \$65,000 in support; and

24 WHEREAS, Beyond the Ribbon remains steadfast in its mission to provide financial relief,  
25 essential services, and emotional support to individuals and families affected by cancer,  
26 ensuring no family faces their journey alone.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Beyond the Ribbon for its unwavering  
29 commitment to cancer survivors and their families as well as extend best wishes for  
30 continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 Beyond the Ribbon.