

BY: Senator WALCZYK

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Disabled
Persons Action Organization's Annual Concert Series

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of artistic significance whose creative contributions have helped further the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Disabled Persons Action Organization's Annual Concert Series; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of the Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO) to provide quality and effective individualized services to developmentally disabled children and adults in Jefferson and Lewis County; the services are primarily geared toward helping families cope with the stress of caring for their disabled loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The concert series now known as "DPAO Concerts for a Cause" is the principal fundraising activity for Disabled Persons Action Organization, ultimately allowing this esteemed organization the ability to reliably provide services for the approximately 600 families under its purview; and

WHEREAS, The concert series, in conjunction with its 50th year, has been seen as a series rebirth by the DPAO Foundation Executive Director, Michael W. Campbell, who intends on introducing new genres and acts to the lineup; and

WHEREAS, The series began unofficially with a Pink Floyd tribute band concert at the Dulles State Office Building and has since grown to host a myriad of internationally recognized artists, including Foreigner, Journey, Johnny Cash, Reba, Train, The Doobie Brothers, Keith Urban, Tony Bennett, and countless other incredible acts; and

WHEREAS, Notable upcoming concerts include hard rock bands Warrant and FireHouse, Leonid & Friends: The Music of Chicago, and a yet-to-be-revealed band in August; and

WHEREAS, The remarkable success of this renowned concert series is due in large part to its loyal sponsors, area businesses, generous musicians, and dedicated patrons and concert attendees; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the musical arts of our State and Nation and those esteemed organizations who give of themselves unstintingly to foster positive and expressive environments which promotes such art, to honor our musical artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts,

acknowledging that musical art is a profound expression of the soul and the ultimate unifier; now, therefore, be

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Disabled Persons Action Organization's Annual Concert Series; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Disabled Persons Action Organization.