

A Resolution to Condemn the Cyberbullying of a Minor by “Team Youngkin”

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Whereas, Ethan Lynne is a 17-year-old high school senior at Patrick Henry High School in Hanover County, Virginia and a young Democrat;

Whereas, Ethan Lynne retweeted a report over the February 4th weekend questioning Governor Glenn Youngkin’s commitment to educational programs about the history of enslaved people at the Executive mansion;

Whereas, in response, Governor Glenn Youngkin’s campaign account, Team Youngkin, posted a picture of Ethan Lynne, a 17-year-old high school senior, with former Governor Ralph Northam, next to a picture from Northam’s medical school yearbook of two men in racist costumes: one in Blackface and one in a Ku Klux Klan costume with the caption, “Here’s a picture of Ethan with a man that had a Blackface/KKK photo in his yearbook;”¹

Whereas, Ethan Lynne became the target of cyberbullying by not only Team Youngkin but thousands of other individuals. Some of those tweets were so vitriolic that a reporter covering the story for the Washington Post could not print them “because they aren’t printable in a family newspaper.”²

Whereas, Governor Glenn Youngkin, without apologizing or taking responsibility, tweeted “On Saturday night, an unauthorized tweet came from a campaign account. I regret that this happened and it shouldn’t have. I have addressed it with my team. We must continue to work to bring Virginians together. There is so much more that unites us than divides us.”³

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alexandria Democratic Committee condemns the cyberbullying of Ethan Lynne, a minor and young Democrat, by Team Youngkin.

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/feb/07/virginia-governor-glenn-youngkin-aides-attack-teen-on-twitter>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/02/09/youngkin-apology-teen-ethan-lynnne>

³ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/what-gov-youngkin-should-say-to-virginia-teen-i-m-sorry-we-made-you-a-target/ar-AATF6jL>