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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 166

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Commending The Herndon Woman's Club.

Patrons—Howell and Mims; Delegate: Rust

WHEREAS, in February 1939, the chairman of the Virginia Federation of Junior Women's Clubs met with 18 young women from the Herndon area to organize a club, known as "The Young Women's Club of Herndon," which was sponsored by the Fortnightly Club of Herndon; and

WHEREAS, The Young Women's Club of Herndon changed its name in 1945 to "The Herndon Woman's Club"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Herndon Woman's Club is to unite women of the community for the purpose of mutual benefit, and for the promotion of their common interest in education, public welfare, philanthropy, moral values, civics, and fine arts; and

WHEREAS, early in its organization, the club assisted other clubs and organizations in welfare work in the community, and helped bear the expenses of keeping the Fortnightly Library open in the evenings; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, club members gave their personal services in making surgical dressings for the local Red Cross, canvassed the Town for homes to offer sleeping and eating accommodations in case of an air raid, joined some nursing classes, made contributions to the Emergency Hospital Fund and the State Ambulance Fund, purchased wool for Red Cross knitting, furnished a WAC living room at Arlington Hall, and purchased war bonds; and

WHEREAS, since its organization, the club's generous support and contributions have continued to benefit our local schools, many community organizations and programs, and while outstanding accomplishments are too many to list, they have been documented in a history of the club, authored by Elma M. Mankin, a longstanding member and the club's historian; and

WHEREAS, the active involvement and outstanding accomplishments of The Herndon Woman's Club throughout the years have helped to improve the quality of life for all residents of Herndon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Herndon Woman's Club on the occasion of its 65th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Herndon Woman's Club as an expression of the congratulations and best wishes of the General Assembly.

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