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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 860

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Commending the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Patrons—Comstock, Albo, Bulova, Ebbin, Englin, Filler-Corn, Herring, Hugo, Keam, Kory, LeMunyon, Plum, Rust, Scott, J.M., Sickles, Surovell and Watts; Senators: Barker, Herring, Howell, Marsden, Petersen, Puller, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple

WHEREAS, in November of 2010, the Fairfax County Park Authority received the 2010 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, the parks and recreation industry's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in partnership with the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), presented the award to the Fairfax County Park Authority at the NRPA Annual Congress & Exposition in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, as a three-time Gold Medal Award recipient, the Fairfax County Park Authority has demonstrated excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition; and

WHEREAS, as a Class I agency serving more than 250,000 residents, the Fairfax County Park Authority was commended for its outstanding performance in all categories; and

WHEREAS, other 2010 finalists included the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department in Florida, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation in New York, and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority has received the Gold Medal Award twice previously and has been designated as a finalist several years; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Park Authority serves a population of more than 1 million residents, hosts a myriad of annual events, and operates indoor and outdoor athletic and recreation facilities, historic sites, and natural areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Fairfax County Park Authority on its National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Park Authority Board Chairman Bill Bouie of the Fairfax County Park Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and appreciation for the service it provides to citizens of the Commonwealth.

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