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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 288

Offered February 7, 2014

*Commending the Arlington County Medical Society.*

Patrons—Hope, Brink, Krupicka and Lopez; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Medical Society, an esteemed organization that promotes the overall health of the Arlington community, celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, originally known as the Alexandria County Medical Society, the Arlington County Medical Society was founded in 1914 by a group of six local doctors; and

WHEREAS, following a period of reorganization in 1920, the Alexandria County Medical Society received a new charter that changed the society's name to the one it bears today; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long history, the Arlington County Medical Society has consistently strived to foster good doctor-patient relationships, ensure quality patient care, and keep members informed of developments in the medical field; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Medical Society has formed several committees to carry out its mission, and many of these efforts have grown into larger entities or influenced the formation of other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Medical Society's health access committee eventually became the Arlington Free Clinic, which provides medical care to uninsured or underserved members of the community; many members of the society volunteer their time to treat patients in the clinic; and

WHEREAS, after the Arlington County Medical Society's cancer committee received a \$10,000 grant, the committee became the Sharon McGowan Breast Health Fund, an organization that helps provide cancer screenings and treatment to women in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the members of the Arlington County Medical Society assisted the community by organizing a campaign to distribute the polio vaccine; after receiving a great deal of support and many generous donations for this effort, the society formed the Arlington County Medical Society Foundation; and

WHEREAS, today, the Arlington County Medical Society Foundation still provides charitable, educational, and scientific disbursements to the community; and

WHEREAS, many achievements from the Arlington County Medical Society's storied history will be highlighted at society events throughout 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arlington County Medical Society on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Arlington County Medical Society as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the organization's century of service to the Arlington community and the Commonwealth.

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