## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329**

Commending Arlington Free Clinic.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2014

WHEREAS, Arlington Free Clinic, a volunteer-run clinic that provides high-quality medical care to low-income and uninsured adults, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded by Dr. Joseph A. Backer and Dr. Stephen J. Sheehy, Arlington Free Clinic first provided medical services in space borrowed from an Arlington County Middle School in 1994; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Arlington Free Clinic has expanded into its own Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certified facility, where a team of medical and nonmedical volunteers has provided over 245,000 hours of medical services to over 12,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, minimizing health care costs for their patients, Arlington Free Clinic provides free comprehensive medical care, including primary and specialty services, mental health services, physical therapy, women's health services, pharmacy services, patient education programs, and patient support groups; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Free Clinic also works with community medical partners to help patients access free laboratory and diagnostic services and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, the ability of Arlington Free Clinic to faithfully serve the Arlington community over the last two decades would not be possible without the volunteers, donors, and community partners who dedicate their time, expertise, and funds to helping those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arlington Free Clinic on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nancy Sanger Pallesen, executive director of Arlington Free Clinic, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its commitment to providing quality medical care to the Arlington community.