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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 452

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Gum Spring Library.

Patron—Ramadan

WHEREAS, Gum Spring Library, the eighth and newest library in the Loudoun public library system, has provided new and exciting opportunities to the Gum Spring community since its grand opening on February 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, first envisioned in 2003 by the late Steve Snow, a former member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Gum Spring Library was developed through a public and private partnership between the county and a prominent local real estate developer and homebuilder; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Supervisor Matt Letourneau of the Dulles District led efforts to fund the Gum Spring Library, ensuring that the library opened successfully; and

WHEREAS, the Gum Spring Library proudly offers more than 88,000 books and other materials in a beautiful, modern atmosphere; the library contains the county's largest children's section, a teen center, conference and meeting rooms, and cafe-type gathering places for adult readers; and

WHEREAS, on opening day, Gum Spring Library welcomed 6,500 visitors, issued 1,016 new library cards, and checked out 14,000 items; and

WHEREAS, Gum Spring Library owes much of its ongoing success to the enthusiastic support of and generous donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses in the community and the dedicated volunteers of the Friends of Gum Spring Library, tireless advocates for the library; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gum Spring Library for providing new and continuing opportunities for education and enjoyment to the Gum Spring community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gum Spring Library as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the library's service to the community and best wishes for the future.