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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

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Commending Sheltering Arms.

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WHEREAS, Sheltering Arms proudly celebrates 125 years of caring for members of the community in 2014; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1889, Sheltering Arms began when Richmond resident Rebekah Peterkin brought together members of her sewing circle and a few friends to create a free acute hospital in order to help working families who lacked the funds to pay for healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Sheltering Arms enjoyed the support of local physicians and nurses who generously gave of their time and talents to treat patients and an executive board of ladies who raised funds and even sewed newspapers inside cotton covers to create blankets; and

WHEREAS, in 1894, Sheltering Arms moved to Clay Street in Richmond and continued in its mission to provide quality care to those in need for the next several decades; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Sheltering Arms made the decision to transition to physical rehabilitation; in 1981 it became the first private freestanding physical rehabilitation hospital in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, today, Sheltering Arms gives its patients the "Power to Overcome" and maintains its commitment to ensuring that patients receive the healthcare they require based on need and not ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Sheltering Arms has earned certification in stroke rehabilitation, accreditation, and the Gold Seal of Approval™ from The Joint Commission and was invited to present at the International Brain Injury Association's 9th World Congress; its case managers earned a Case in Point Platinum Award; and

WHEREAS, Sheltering Arms was named by Modern Healthcare.com as one of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare and has earned numerous health care and marketing awards, including three Aster Awards; and

WHEREAS, Sheltering Arms professionals remain abreast of the latest training and technology in rehabilitation to provide the best possible care to patients; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past 125 years, Sheltering Arms has enjoyed the generous support of donors, board members, and volunteers who have selflessly given of themselves to help others; and

WHEREAS, as Sheltering Arms celebrates its 125th anniversary, it looks forward to continuing to serve community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Sheltering Arms hereby be commended for its commitment to quality healthcare on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James E. Sok, president and chief executive officer of Sheltering Arms, as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the organization's dedication to serving the community.

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