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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5050

Offered April 14, 2014

*Commending the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington, a nonprofit organization in Vienna, celebrates 40 years of helping Asian Americans and recent immigrants overcome linguistic and cultural challenges and become active, well-adjusted members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington traces its roots to 1974, when a group of Korean American women opened a Washington, D.C., branch office of the Korean Legal Aid Center for Family Relations, an organization that helps Korean women understand their rights and obtain legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Korean Family Counseling and Research Center (KFCRC) was founded in Maryland by volunteer attorneys and mental health professionals to serve the growing population of Korean immigrants in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the KFCRC relocated to the Commonwealth and changed its name to the Korean American Family Counseling Center and later expanded its services to include the wider Asian American community; and

WHEREAS, to better reflect the organization's willingness to assist members of any ethnic group, its name was changed to the National Institute of Family Counseling in 2010 and the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington offers a wide variety of services, including monthly seminars, community outreach programs, and public awareness campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington provides individual, group, family, and youth counseling to address numerous issues, including parenting questions, marital problems, mental health, anger management, substance abuse, education, and careers; the center also encourages healing through the creative process with art therapy classes; and

WHEREAS, providing a foundation upon which youths can achieve success, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington offers school-based mentoring groups and peer-to-peer tutoring sessions; and

WHEREAS, the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington will commemorate its 40th anniversary with a special celebration at the Westin Tysons Corner on May 3, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington for its service to the community on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to serving and supporting those in need.

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