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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5230

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Commending the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Patrons—Krupicka and Herring; Senators: Barker, Ebbin and Saslaw

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority celebrates 75 years of providing safe, affordable housing options to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority was created by the City of Alexandria in 1939 for the express purpose of operating the Affordable Housing Program for low-income and moderate-income individuals and families throughout Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, since commencing operations in 1941, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority has succeeded in its mission to provide safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable housing to the citizens of the City of Alexandria and has improved the overall quality of life in the area by helping members of the community own a home or secure an affordable rental unit; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s and 1970s, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority executed every urban renewal project created by the City of Alexandria, including the Gadsby Commercial Urban Renewal Project, an early urban renewal effort that spurred the redevelopment of the King Street commercial area, including Market Square, Tavern Square, and the areas bounded by Fairfax Street and St. Asaph Street; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority also led the Mudtown Renewal Project in the area encompassing the original T. C. Williams High School and the DIP Urban Renewal Project in the area south of Duke Street between Columbus and Patrick Streets; the Alfred Street Baptist Church was built on land that was part of the DIP Urban Renewal Project; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the development and management of mixed-income housing, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority offers a diverse array of programs and support services to provide local residents with opportunities for self-sufficiency and home ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority promotes a healthy housing industry, which allows families to build equity, strengthens the tax base, creates jobs, and opens doors to further growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority encourages partnerships between financial institutions and housing developers to ensure the creation of new, affordable housing opportunities in the interests of public health and welfare; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority for its contributions to the community on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its leadership in planning, developing, and managing affordable, mixed-income housing.

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