

## 2016 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

*Commending Arlington Thrive.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 12, 2016  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, since 1975, Arlington Thrive has met an important community need by providing a financial safety net for Arlington residents in crisis with same-day financial assistance for unexpected emergency needs; and

WHEREAS, uniting Arlington County officials, private donors, and volunteers, Arlington Thrive is an example of a public-private partnership that successfully meets a community need; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Thrive's programs are critical to Arlington's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; the program is one of the first lines of defense against homelessness, using financial assistance payments to Arlington households to fill critical needs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Thrive has assisted families with medical, dental, and prescription bill payments; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Thrive has provided emergency rental assistance to prevent eviction and has helped residents pay utility bills to keep their water running and their electricity and heat on; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Thrive supports those who are seeking employment by providing funds for transportation, clothing, and equipment required to start a job; and

WHEREAS, during 1975, the program's first year in operation, Arlington Thrive helped 168 households with \$10,423 of direct emergency assistance; during fiscal year 2015, Arlington Thrive assisted 1,472 households (2,698 persons) with \$730,000 of direct emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, Arlington Thrive commemorated the 40th anniversary of its founding and celebrated its mission to provide a financial safety net to Arlington residents in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arlington Thrive 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 Arlington Thrive as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's tireless work to strengthen and enhance the Arlington community.

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