

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1042

*Commending Burke Centre Conservancy.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Burke Centre Conservancy has fostered a strong sense of community in the Burke Centre neighborhood of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Burke Centre community traces its roots to the 1700s, when Lord Fairfax granted land to Henry Ward and Francis Coffey, whose great-great-granddaughter married Silas Burke, a prominent local landowner; the area became known as Burke's Station in the 1850s for Silas Burke's contributions to the railroad passing through the area; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s and 1980s, Burke Centre was developed as a planned residential community managed by the Burke Centre Conservancy, with the first residents arriving in the spring of 1977; today, Burke Centre is home to more than 18,000 people in more than 5,800 residences; and

WHEREAS, Burke Centre Conservancy oversees the beautifully maintained 1,700-acre community, which features miles of walking and hiking trails, community centers, pools, tennis courts, volleyball and basketball courts, and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, Burke Centre has become one of the premier communities in Northern Virginia through the generous volunteer efforts of its residents; Burke Centre Conservancy is governed by an elected volunteer Board of Trustees, which directs a hardworking professional staff of nearly 20 employees; and

WHEREAS, Burke Centre Conservancy will commemorate the 40th anniversary of Burke Centre with special events throughout 2017, including interactive contests, historical exhibits, and other opportunities for residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Burke Centre Conservancy for its service to the residents of Burke Centre 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 Board of Trustees of Burke Centre Conservancy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the community's contributions to Fairfax County.

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