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Commending the Arlington Community Foundation.

Patrons—Sullivan, Hope and Levine; Senators: Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, the Arlington Community Foundation, which creates new opportunities for local students and strives to enhance the lives of community members, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Community Foundation was founded in 1991 by Arlington resident the Honorable William T. Newman, Jr., who was inspired by the work of The San Francisco Community Foundation in the wake of that city's 1989 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Community Foundation provides grants to nonprofit groups and awards scholarships to local students in an effort to improve and strengthen the community in and around Arlington; and

WHEREAS, over its 25-year history the Arlington Community Foundation has given almost \$10.6 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, and it awarded \$473,500 worth of scholarships to 78 students in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Community Foundation received gifts of more than \$3.1 million from generous donors in 2015, funds that were used to support homelessness prevention, education, arts, youth, and families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Community Foundation is a philanthropic focal point in the Arlington community; the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary milestone at the annual spring gala fundraiser held at The Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City in May 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arlington Community Foundation on its 25 years of service to the Arlington community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable William T. Newman, Jr., Arlington Community Foundation founder and president emeritus, and Wanda Pierce, executive director, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the foundation's work to improve the quality of life in and around Arlington.

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