

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 663

*Commending the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County celebrates 25 years of diligent work to preserve the historical and genealogical heritage of African Americans, Native Americans, and other ethnic groups and cultures in Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, established in 1992 by Karen King Lavore and Karen Hughes White, who were then researching their own family histories in Morgantown, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County originally operated out of the founders' homes; and

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County collected photographs and oral accounts of life in Fauquier County in the antebellum period and during Reconstruction and the era of Jim Crow laws; the association presented its findings at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Morgantown and generated interest throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County expanded its collection of photographs and primary source documents and completed a history of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Midland; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County relocated to its current home on Loudoun Avenue in The Plains; the new space, which is open to the public, allowed the association to better fulfill its mission to educate visitors on the history of Fauquier County by holding events and seminars; and

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County makes use of technology to restore and preserve photographs and books and document genealogical research and oral accounts to ensure that future generations have access to these priceless cultural artifacts; and

WHEREAS, working closely with other regional, state, and national historical groups and libraries, the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County has cultivated a network of amateur and professional historians throughout the Commonwealth and the United States who share an interest in the unique history of Fauquier County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen King Lavore and Karen Hughes White, founders of the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the association's contributions to cultural understanding in the Commonwealth.

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