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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 862

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3 *Commending AHC Inc.*

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

6 WHEREAS, in 2016, AHC Inc., celebrated four decades of providing comprehensive affordable
7 housing for families with low and moderate incomes in Northern Virginia and the greater Washington,
8 D.C., region; and

9 WHEREAS, AHC Inc., formerly Arlington Housing Corporation, was founded in December 1975, by
10 community leaders who saw the need to preserve affordable housing in rapidly growing Arlington
11 County, where rents were increasing and availability was decreasing; and

12 WHEREAS, United States Representative Joseph L. Fisher, Arlington County Board members James
13 B. Hunter III and Ellen M. Bozman, and community activists Jennie Davis and Charles Rinker were
14 instrumental in the founding of AHC Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, in the beginning, AHC Inc. (AHC), operated as a nonprofit grassroots entity, providing
16 home improvement loans for homeowners with limited incomes through a small two-person office in
17 Arlington; and

18 WHEREAS, AHC evolved into a regional powerhouse that provides and maintains diverse types of
19 affordable housing, developing 51 rental communities with nearly 7,000 homes, and offering
20 high-quality property management and top-notch resident services; and

21 WHEREAS, AHC provides homes for more than 18,000 people and offers educational programs and
22 social activities to 2,000 children, working adults, and senior citizens through its award-winning
23 Resident Services program; and

24 WHEREAS, while AHC has expanded to serve communities in Alexandria, Fairfax County, and
25 Washington, D.C., as well as Montgomery County, Maryland, and Baltimore, Maryland, the organization
26 remains the oldest and largest developer of affordable housing in Arlington; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout its 40-year history, AHC received strong support from local, state, and
28 federal elected leaders, and the organization could not have continued to expand without its dedicated
29 and enthusiastic supporters, donors, and volunteers, as well as allied community groups, businesses, and
30 government partners; and

31 WHEREAS, AHC celebrated its 40th anniversary with an event at The Westin Arlington Gateway in
32 September 2016, which was an opportunity to thank all who have contributed to AHC's efforts to
33 provide suitable homes for so many families; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
35 commend AHC Inc., on the 40th anniversary of its founding and four decades of providing affordable
36 housing for families with low and moderate incomes in Northern Virginia and the greater Washington,
37 D.C., region; and, be it

38 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
39 for presentation to Walter D. Webdale, president and CEO of AHC Inc., as an expression of the General
40 Assembly's admiration for the organization's accomplishments in preserving quality affordable housing
41 so that residents of the Commonwealth with limited economic means can live and prosper.

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