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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 914

Offered February 9, 2017

Commending Dr. Lawrence Spoont.

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence Spoont, a geriatric psychiatrist, retired in 2017 after a distinguished 60-year career practicing psychiatry in the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lawrence "Larry" Spoont graduated from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and completed a residency in psychiatry at the Philadelphia Psychiatric Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont completed additional training in psychoanalytic techniques and family therapy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont is a member of the Washington Psychiatric Society and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Dr. Larry Spoont served as chair of Franklin Square Hospital Center's Department of Psychiatry in Baltimore, Maryland; his other job titles during his illustrious career include medical director and chief of mental hygiene; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont is a well-known and revered figure among Arlington's older adult community through his work with the Arlington County Department of Human Services, Aging, and Disability Services Division (ADSD); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont is noted for making house calls to serve his clients where they feel most comfortable; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont played a key role in establishing the Regional Older Adult Facilities Mental Health Support Team (RAFT) program, which is managed by ADSD and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Dr. Larry Spoont was honored with the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Community Services Board recognized Dr. Larry Spoont in 2012 with the Dr. Dimitri Georgopoulos Award for his meritorious service and outstanding contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Spoont is respected and admired throughout the Commonwealth for his compassion for older adults and his passion for improving the lives of people living with mental illness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Lawrence Spoont, a geriatric psychiatrist, on his retirement in 2017 after a distinguished 60-year career; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Lawrence Spoont as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his dedication to serving the older residents of Arlington County.

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