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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 445

Offered February 20, 2017

Commending Trillium Drop-In Center, Inc.

Patron—McPike

WHEREAS, Trillium Drop-In Center, Inc., in Woodbridge is celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing quality services to people with mental illness and putting them on a path to brighter and better days; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Drop-In Center cofounders Ann Gurtler, Cynthia Dudley, and Traci Jones realized their vision for a free, peer-led drop-in center dedicated to building better lives for adults affected by mental illness, when they secured a state funding grant a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, opened in September 2007, Trillium Drop-In Center promotes, encourages, and facilitates recovery from serious mental illness through supportive, recreational, educational, and social activities; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Drop-In Center's mission is to provide a stress-free, stigma-free atmosphere for adults in which to change their lives and move from the dark moments of mental illness to independence and mental health recovery; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 individuals visit Trillium Drop-In Center each day, and since its inception, the center has had well over 50,000 visits and has helped to put several thousand people on the road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated, caring, and highly trained staff of Trillium Drop-In Center mentors and coaches individuals and strives to empower them to live a meaningful life, while managing the challenges of their mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Drop-In Center promotes broader community recovery efforts through participation in programs such as the Prince William County Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team training and the special DIVERT docket in Prince William County General District Court; and

WHEREAS, while Trillium Drop-In Center was initially opened because of grant money, the nonprofit organization is now funded and operated through community support and involvement; and

WHEREAS, Trillium Drop-In Center was the first drop-in center for the mentally ill in the region, and today it serves as a cutting-edge and unique model for other organizations that give aid to those who suffer from serious mental illness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Trillium Drop-In Center, Inc., on celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing quality services to members of the Prince William County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cynthia Dudley, Trillium Drop-In Center, Inc., executive director, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's admirable work and best wishes for the future.

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