HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 150

Commending the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Oakton-based Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will celebrate its 40th anniversary of generously supporting nonprofit groups and philanthropic efforts to benefit the region; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia was created in 1978 with the goal of helping those in need and promoting prosperity in the Counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington, and Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and

WHEREAS, through charitable endowments, donor advised funds, permanent funds, and giving circles, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia awards grants in support of causes ranging from poverty relief and education to mental health, the environment, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its philanthropic programs, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia conducts research on social and economic issues in Northern Virginia and holds meetings where community members can voice their opinions concerning challenges facing the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia enjoyed a record-breaking year in which it awarded more than \$4.7 million in grants and scholarships and took in \$13 million in new gifts; and

WHEREAS, recent beneficiaries of grants and support from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia include the All Ages Read Together literacy program, the Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation, the Chesapeake Conservancy, and the SHINE for Girls program; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate its 40th anniversary, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia launched the Permanent Fund for Northern Virginia, a community endowment that will be used to support local residents in need; and

WHEREAS, through its generous philanthropic endeavors, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has advanced the social, educational, and economic interests of the region and increased the quality of life for countless Northern Virginia residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia on 40 years of supporting charitable works that benefit the region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its diligent work and generous philanthropy on behalf of the residents of Northern Virginia.