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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 160

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Commending Leadership Fairfax.

Patrons—Keam, Boysko, Bulova, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Herring, Hope, Hugo, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Reid, Roem, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Tran and Watts; Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Petersen

WHEREAS, Leadership Fairfax, a leadership development program that encourages professional growth and commitment to community service in its graduates, celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, established in 1987 by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit organization that nurtures both emerging and established leaders through programs which feature professional coaching, study groups, community service, and interaction with decision makers in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Fairfax's flagship program is the Leadership Fairfax Institute, which is designed for mid-level to senior-level leaders from all walks of life; each year, the Institute selects 45 to 50 applicants for participation in an immersive, 10-month course that includes training on the issues and opportunities facing Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Fairfax also runs the Emerging Leaders Institute, a separate program for high-potential professionals who are looking to hone their leadership skills; the 10-month program accepts 35 to 40 participants each year and features professional coaching, community service team projects, and training in everything from conflict resolution to project management and giving presentations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its institutes, Leadership Fairfax hosts a Lifetime Leaders Program for retirees interested in using their experience and expertise to engage with their community as volunteers and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, Leadership Fairfax has hosted the annual Northern Virginia Leadership Awards, which honor outstanding community service and civic work by local individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, during its long and distinguished history, Leadership Fairfax has inspired scores of individuals to become agents of positive change in Fairfax County; its programs have graduated over 1,800 alumni who have collectively logged more than 300,000 hours of community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Leadership Fairfax on 30 years of forging strong leaders and active citizens in Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Leadership Fairfax as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its valuable contributions to civic engagement and best wishes for continued success.