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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 255

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*Commending the Free Clinic of Culpeper.*

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WHEREAS, in 2017, the Free Clinic of Culpeper celebrated 25 years of providing high-quality, patient-centered medical care to citizens who do not have health insurance or the ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, founded in November 1992, the Free Clinic of Culpeper serves Culpeper residents ages 18 to 65 who have incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, operated by the nonprofit Culpeper Wellness Foundation, the Free Clinic of Culpeper provides a wide range of health services, including treatment for acute illnesses and preventative maintenance for chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Free Clinic of Culpeper serves several hundred patients and dispenses over 8,500 prescriptions valued at \$1.4 million through its licensed, on-site pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the Free Clinic of Culpeper has a six-person staff that includes a director, a physician's assistant, a nurse, a referrals coordinator, a patient care coordinator, and an administrative coordinator; it also relies on roughly 40 dedicated volunteers, at least 15 of whom are medical providers; and

WHEREAS, partially funded by Culpeper County and the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, the Free Clinic of Culpeper also raises money through its annual Oyster Fest, which features food and entertainment as well as a silent auction and raffle; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Free Clinic of Culpeper has been steadfast in its commitment to providing vital health services for those in need; its talented staff and volunteers have improved quality of life for countless residents of Culpeper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Free Clinic of Culpeper for its invaluable service to the community on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Free Clinic of Culpeper as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its many contributions to public health in Culpeper.

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