

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 346

*Commending Acacia Lodge No. 16.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, Acacia Lodge No. 16, a chapter of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons that has provided valuable service to the Clifton community, celebrates its 140th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Acacia Lodge No. 16 traces its earliest roots to 1875, when members of Manasseh Lodge No. 182 in Manassas petitioned the Grand Lodge of Virginia for dispensation to start a new lodge for members who lived near Clifton Station; and

WHEREAS, Acacia Lodge No. 16 received its charter in January 1878; its members originally met in Makely's Store House at the corner of Main and Chapel Roads in Clifton; and

WHEREAS, in 1903, Acacia Lodge No. 16 purchased a building for use as its first Lodge; the building was later moved to its current location in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Acacia Lodge No. 16 has long played an active role in the Clifton community; its Lodge was the first building in the town to have electricity and has been the scene of numerous local meetings, including a 1942 gathering that resulted in the formation of Clifton's first volunteer fire department; and

WHEREAS, with the motto "the Greatest Little Lodge in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Acacia Lodge No. 16 has also participated in Clifton's Labor Day car show as well as its annual Clifton Day festival; and

WHEREAS, Acacia Lodge No. 16 has been invited to lay the cornerstone at several local buildings in Clifton such as Oak Grove Methodist Church, Clifton Baptist Church, and Clifton School; and

WHEREAS, during its long and distinguished history, Acacia Lodge No. 16 has supported numerous civic organizations and made an indelible mark on the Clifton community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Acacia Lodge No. 16 on the occasion of its 140th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Acacia Lodge No. 16 as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Lodge's commitment to the Clifton community and best wishes for continued success.

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