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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 366

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Commending the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center.

Patrons—Simon, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Bourne, Boysko, Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Levine, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Rasoul, Sullivan, Thomas, Turpin and Ware; Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Spruill

WHEREAS, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, a nonprofit child care center that has provided valuable early childhood education services regardless of families' economic resources, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center traces its origins to 1967, when a group of over 20 faith groups met to discuss the formation of a safe, nurturing, and affordable child care facility for working families; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1968, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center opened with an enrollment of 15 children in the basement of Chesterbrook Presbyterian Church in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center grew in the years that followed, and in 2003 it moved into a dedicated wing of Lemon Road Elementary School in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, today, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and provides comprehensive, high-quality care for over 70 kids age two to six; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center has a dedicated and well-trained staff of teachers and offers numerous special programs, including dental, hearing, and vision screenings and assistance and consultations for children with developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center has an on-site garden to provide kids with healthy snacks and organizes three to four field trips per month to sites around the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, using a tuition assistance system and aid from local governments, community donations, and private businesses, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center makes care available to children of low-income and moderate-income working families; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center has won numerous honors and awards for its exceptional care, including a 2016 Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and a 2008 award for Outstanding Service to Young Children from the Northern Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children; in addition, the Catalogue for Philanthropy chose the Center as one of the best small charities in Greater Washington in 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, over the last five decades, the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center has provided a vital service for working families and aided in the social and educational development of numerous young children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center on 50 years of outstanding service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its commitment to providing exceptional child care.

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