HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 410

Commending the Leadership Center for Excellence.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, the Leadership Center for Excellence, an Arlington-based nonprofit that has encouraged professional development and inspired numerous leaders to become agents of positive change in the community, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1998, the Leadership Center for Excellence provides community-based training, workshops, and networking opportunities for established and emerging leaders across Arlington

and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Center for Excellence's marquee program is Leadership Arlington, which is designed for established leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; each year, the program selects roughly 50 participants for an immersive, nine-month course that includes professional development, community service opportunities, and discussions of the issues facing the region; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Center for Excellence also operates a Young Professionals Program to develop the skills and capacities of high-potential leaders, as well as a summer Youth Program to

enhance the leadership skills of rising high school juniors and seniors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its leadership development programs, the Leadership Center for Excellence provides customized consulting, forums, board development, and one-on-one professional coaching for a wide range of organizations; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the Leadership Center for Excellence has also run the organization Volunteer Arlington, which partners with a variety of local entities to promote volunteerism and civic

engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Center for Excellence has won numerous awards for its work, including the 2015 Chair's Award from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the 2014 National Capital Business Ethics Award from the National Capital chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals, the 2011 Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation, and the 2004 James B. Hunter Award from the Arlington Human Rights Commission for promoting human rights and diversity in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, over the last two decades, the Leadership Center for Excellence has enlightened and inspired over 1,600 local leaders and has provided valuable service to the residents of Arlington and the surrounding region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Leadership Center for Excellence on 20 years of developing strong, service-minded leaders in the Arlington community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Leadership Center for Excellence as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its outstanding achievements and best wishes for continued success.