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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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*Commending the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna celebrated 20 years of helping older Virginians maintain a high quality of life and live independently through education, transportation assistance, and support services; and

WHEREAS, established in 1997, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna helps reduce isolation by encouraging seniors to make friends, stay involved in the community, learn new skills, and accept new challenges; the center has grown to serve more than 3,000 seniors in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna partners with local churches, community organizations, businesses, and individuals to provide a full range of meaningful services; the center also grants older Virginians unique opportunities to help their fellow seniors through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna has received numerous awards and accolades for its good work, including the 2012 Nonprofit of the Year Award from the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce; the center has also earned recognition from Volunteer Fairfax, the National Volunteer Caregiving Network, and the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna strives to ensure that all seniors living in the supported area know about the organization's vital programs and services and that anyone who wishes to participate has the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna has succeeded in its mission thanks to its dedicated staff members and generous volunteers; in 2016, nearly 200 volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours of service during classes, social events, and more than 1,200 round-trip rides for clients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, an exceptional organization that has enriched the lives of countless older adults in Northern Virginia, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's decades of service to the community.

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