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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

Offered March 1, 2018

*Commending the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic.*

Patrons—Thomas, Cole, Fowler, Orrock and Ransone; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic, a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive health care free of charge to the low-income and uninsured residents of Fredericksburg, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Moss Free Clinic was established in 1993 and is named for one of its founders, the physician and community leader Dr. Lloyd F. Moss, Sr.; the clinic initially ran on a limited schedule in a wing of the old Mary Washington Hospital, but it now operates five days a week in a dedicated, state-of-the-art facility; and

WHEREAS, the Moss Free Clinic serves residents of the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford who lack health insurance and live in households with an income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

WHEREAS, operated by the Fredericksburg Area Regional Health Council, Inc., the Moss Free Clinic provides high-quality primary and specialty care, women's health care, dental care, mental health services, nutrition education, physical therapy, and chronic disease management; and

WHEREAS, patients of the Moss Free Clinic also have access to free diagnostics and specialized procedures such as chemotherapy and surgery through Mary Washington Healthcare, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Moss Free Clinic serves roughly 2,000 patients and fills nearly 50,000 prescriptions at its licensed, on-site pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, along with a core of full-time paid staff, the Moss Free Clinic relies on a group of several hundred physicians, dentists, and community members who selflessly volunteer their time to provide health care to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Moss Free Clinic receives no federal funding and relies on fundraisers and contributions from individuals, organizations, and businesses to fulfill its mission; in 2015, the clinic provided over \$30 million in health care while operating on a \$2.1 million budget; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Moss Free Clinic has been steadfast in its commitment to providing vital health services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect; its talented staff and volunteers have improved quality of life for countless residents of the Fredericksburg region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic on its years of 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 Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its contributions to public health in Fredericksburg.

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