HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1096

Commending the Fairfax Library Foundation, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Library Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit charitable and educational organization that supports the programs and services of the Fairfax County Public Library, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, established in 1994, the Fairfax Library Foundation supports the programs and services of the Fairfax County Public Library's 23 branches that serve the over one million residents of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Library Foundation sponsors numerous enriching programs, including Ready to Read, an early literacy outreach program; 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a nationwide program that promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and encourages parent and child bonding through reading; and Changing Lives through Literature, an alternative to formal court action for first-time juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Library Foundation supports the New American Initiative that supports English language learning, funds scholarships for professional development for library staff, offers special programs and presentations, and provides library books and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Library Foundation allows the Fairfax County Public Library to enhance its

many high-quality programs and services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fairfax Library Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit charitable and educational organization that exists solely to support the programs and services of the Fairfax County Public Library, 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 Fairfax Library Foundation, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its dedication to supporting literacy and programming at the Fairfax County Public Library.