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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1105

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending Richard Alderson.

Patrons—Krizek; Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Surovell

WHEREAS, Richard Alderson, lifelong resident of Mount Vernon and tireless advocate for affordable housing in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth, was awarded a 2018 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Dick" Alderson received the award for his work with New Hope Housing and Good Shepherd Housing; the award was presented at the 26th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax, members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and board chairman Sharon Bulova; and

WHEREAS, Dick Alderson began volunteering for New Hope Housing in 2000 after he was recruited to join their board of directors; he would ultimately serve as board president and, through his leadership, help the organization achieve its mission to provide homeless families and individuals with the shelter and tools they need to build a better life; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the New Hope board of directors in 2010, Dick Alderson was elected to its board of trustees, where he was part of the task force that oversaw the organization's expansion into Arlington County and the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Dick Alderson has also served on the board of directors of Good Shepherd Housing, an organization dedicated to reducing homelessness, increasing community support, and promoting self-sufficiency; his leadership has helped the organization approach its long-term goal of creating 150 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, Dick Alderson has been one the most stalwart leaders in the effort to provide affordable housing and break the cycle of homelessness in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Richard Alderson, recipient of a 2018 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime Achievement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Alderson as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his remarkable efforts to end homelessness and help countless families and individuals live healthier, more successful lives.

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