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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 963

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Commending Arlington Free Clinic.

Patrons—Lopez, Hope, Levine and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin and Favola

WHEREAS, Arlington Free Clinic, a volunteer-run clinic that provides high-quality medical care to low-income and uninsured adults, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, founded by Dr. Joseph A. Backer, Dr. Stephen J. Sheehy, and the Arlington County Medical Society, the Arlington Free Clinic first provided medical services in space borrowed from an Arlington County middle school in 1994; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, Arlington Free Clinic has expanded into its own Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold Certified facility, where a team of medical and nonmedical volunteers has provided over 245,000 hours of medical services to over 12,000 patients; and

WHEREAS, minimizing health care costs for its patients, Arlington Free Clinic provides free comprehensive medical care, including primary and specialty services, mental health services, patient education programs, and patient support groups; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Free Clinic works with community medical partners to help patients access free laboratory and diagnostic services and treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Free Clinic's newest service, oral health care, was launched in 2015 and, now in its own facility, provides routine and advanced dental services including crowns, partials, endodontic, periodontal, and prosthodontic procedures that are very much needed by those who have gone without care for years; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Arlington Free Clinic to faithfully serve the Arlington community would not be possible without the volunteers, donors, and community partners who dedicate their time, expertise, and funds to helping those in need; in 2018 the team of over 5,000 volunteers, including 170 physicians, delivered care to over 1,600 unique patients in more than 8,000 visits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Arlington Free Clinic, a volunteer-run clinic that provides high-quality medical care to low-income and uninsured adults, 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 Arlington Free Clinic as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the health and welfare of low-income, uninsured people in the Arlington area.

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