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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 392**

Offered February 21, 2019

Commending the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historic Records and Deed Research Division.

Patrons—Gooditis, Bell, John J., Delaney and Reid

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historic Records and Deed Research Division won the 2018 National Association of Counties Achievement Award in recognition of its programming and preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historic Records and Deed Research Division (Historic Records) has, in recent years, greatly enhanced its programming to broaden awareness of and interest in historic court records and local history; partnerships with other history groups and government agencies have enabled Historic Records to expand its offerings; and

WHEREAS, Historic Records has one of the most complete and diverse collections of historic court records in Virginia, with documents dating back to Loudoun County's formation in 1757; and

WHEREAS, recent programming and exhibit offerings from Historic Records have included *From Slavery to Desegregation*, featuring local African American history; *Loudoun and the Great War 1917 - 1918*, highlighting Loudoun's role in World War I; programming offering information on preserving and accessing court documents; and walking tours, among other programming; and

WHEREAS, Historic Records has developed partnerships with the Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Libraries, the Library of Virginia, and other public and private entities to inform the public about the resources; Historic Records' curation of rare materials attracts the interest of the public and inspires citizens to do their own research into Loudoun County's history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historic Records and Deed Research Division hereby be commended for winning a national achievement award from the National Association of Counties; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historic Records and Deed Research Division as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the division's efforts to make history more accessible.