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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 544

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Commending Peter Clark.

Patrons—Simon, Kory, Murphy and Sullivan; Senators: Howell and Saslaw

WHEREAS, Peter Clark, longtime president of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation, has greatly served communities of the Commonwealth by raising awareness and acceptance of individuals living with mental health conditions and providing vital services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Peter Clark was elected president of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation (NVMHF), an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, in 2003, one month after joining the organization's board, and has since helped thousands of individuals in the Commonwealth on their path to wellness; and

WHEREAS, a talented senior manager with experience implementing large-scale projects, Peter Clark brought a valuable array of skills to his role at NVMHF, and has provided invaluable leadership in the legal, clinical, financial, and fundraising domains of the organization; and

WHEREAS, by offering individuals financial support for critical needs such as medical and dental appointments and copays, security deposits for apartments, and other wellness services, NVMHF has provided a crucial safety net for thousands of people during the tenure of Peter Clark with the organization; and

WHEREAS, Peter Clark has led by building consensus among stakeholders and has established meaningful and productive relationships with agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout the greater Fairfax County area, amplifying the efforts of NVMHF; and

WHEREAS, Peter Clark has strengthened NVMHF over the years through effective board member recruitment, bringing many inspired voices together to further the organization's mission and help it achieve its objectives; and

WHEREAS, Peter Clark and NVMHF have established cooperative partnerships with area college students and private consultants to enhance the organization's brand and message, cultivate donors, and extend its impact in the community; and

WHEREAS, Peter Clark and NVMHF have sponsored numerous education and advocacy initiatives, including the organization's annual wellness and recovery conference, which for more than a decade has provided a valuable forum for individuals and treatment providers navigating the mental health challenges of the day; and

WHEREAS, by ardently supporting the efforts of NVMHF to safeguard some of the most vulnerable members of his community, Peter Clark has helped make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Peter Clark, president of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Foundation, for his years of unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Peter Clark as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his meritorious service.

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