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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 818

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center.

Patrons—Willett, Filler-Corn, Bagby and VanValkenburg; Senator: Hashmi

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center has promoted the cultural and ethical values of Judaism while providing outstanding educational, physical, and spiritual wellness programs and experiences for people of all faiths, backgrounds, ages, and abilities in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center (Weinstein JCC) traces its roots to 1941, when a group of Jewish residents began developing plans for a local community center; interest in the project increased significantly after World War II, and the center was officially established in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Weinstein JCC was originally located on Idlewood Avenue and opened with about 300 members; within three years, the center expanded membership to all members of the community, regardless of religious affiliation, race, age, or demographic; and

WHEREAS, Weinstein JCC relocated to its current building in 1959 and subsequently added numerous amenities, including an early childhood education wing, an auditorium, a cafe, and a state-of-the-art fitness facility; and

WHEREAS, Weinstein JCC continued to thrive over the years and now supports more than 8,000 members; the center also operates a summer camp in Goochland County, Camp Hilbert, which has allowed many local children to experience the great outdoors and foster their creativity through engaging activities; and

WHEREAS, guided by its core principles of excellence, inclusion, education, and responsibility, Weinstein JCC has built a strong sense of fellowship in the community and provided a safe haven for its members to grow in mind, body, and spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's work to provide opportunities for personal, cultural, social, and physical enrichment to Jewish and non-Jewish members of the Richmond community.

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