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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 421

Offered February 22, 2023

*Commending Rikki S. Epstein.*

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WHEREAS, on December 31, 2022, Rikki S. Epstein completed her tenure as executive director of The Arc of Northern Virginia, completing 11 years of outstanding service to the disability community; and

WHEREAS, Rikki Epstein focused her career on working to ensure that people with disabilities had access to recreation, transportation, and community resources, and she was hired by the board of directors for The Arc of Northern Virginia in 2011; and

WHEREAS, during Rikki Epstein's tenure as executive director, The Arc of Northern Virginia became a statewide leader in providing information, resources, and assistance to people with disabilities and their loved ones, promoting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, under Rikki Epstein's leadership, The Arc of Northern Virginia created, launched, and grew the program Transition POINTS (Providing Opportunities, Information, Networking and Transition Support), a network of resource guides available in seven languages, webinars, workshops, toolkits, and direct assistance for families of an individual with developmental disabilities, aiding them in decision-making for key life stages; and

WHEREAS, Rikki Epstein helped The Arc of Northern Virginia assume a position of national prominence in addressing the problem of the overrepresentation of people with disabilities in the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Rikki Epstein's contributions have been numerous and significant, her dedication exemplary, her years of service memorable, and her impact lasting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rikki S. Epstein hereby be commended for her exceptional leadership of The Arc of Northern Virginia on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rikki S. Epstein as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her years of service on behalf of the disability community in the Commonwealth.

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