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Commending the Loudoun Free Clinic.

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Patrons—LaRock, Minchew, Comstock, Greason, LeMunyon, Ramadan and Rust; Senators: Black, Favola and Wexton

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Free Clinic, a nonprofit organization in Leesburg that provides free health care services for uninsured and underserved members of the community, has supported Loudoun County residents for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, established by the Catoctin Foundation in 1998, the Loudoun Free Clinic helps vulnerable members of the community with acute, chronic, and emergency medical conditions by coordinating doctor visits, medication, tests, surgeries, and transportation at no cost; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Loudoun Free Clinic moved to its current location and provided care to a weekly average of 21 patients with the help of one full-time employee and several volunteers; the clinic has grown along with Loudoun County and expanded to three full-time employees, eight part-time employees, and over 200 volunteers in 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Loudoun Free Clinic has supported thousands of uninsured Loudoun County residents living with a household income at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level; in 2011, the clinic served more than 1,500 patients during almost 3,000 visits; and

WHEREAS, empowering community members to enhance their quality of life by maintaining good health, the Loudoun Free Clinic pursues innovative partnerships and offers 13 specialty clinics, including programs on diabetes, women's health, and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Free Clinic has succeeded in its mission to provide compassionate, high-quality care thanks to thousands of hours of work from its devoted volunteers and generous donations from local businesses, charitable organizations, and philanthropic individuals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun Free Clinic on its tradition of excellence in service to members of the Loudoun County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rahman A. Parker, executive director of the Loudoun Free Clinic, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the clinic's achievements and best wishes for the future.