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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 563

Offered September 15, 2014

*Commending the Herndon Fortnightly Club.*

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WHEREAS, in 2014, the Herndon Fortnightly Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the area, celebrates 125 years of service to the Herndon and Fairfax communities; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1889 by 11 local women, the Herndon Fortnightly Club was created as a way for members to study science, art, literature, and current events, and by 1900, the club had collected over 1,000 books on various subjects; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the community, the Herndon Fortnightly Club rented a room and opened a small library with its private collection; after receiving many generous donations, the club built a new library on Spring Street, which opened in 1927 with an all-volunteer staff; and

WHEREAS, after its establishment in 1939, Fairfax County Public Library offered rotating collections of books to the Herndon Fortnightly Club and other local libraries; the Herndon Fortnightly Library officially became a branch of the public library system in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club continues to support the Herndon Fortnightly Library through gifts, donations, volunteer efforts, and by sponsoring the library's longstanding, annual open house, ensuring that the library succeeds in its mission to help members of the community gain knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1912 and has supported countless other charitable causes in Fairfax County over the years; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing the importance of lifelong learning, the Herndon Fortnightly Club has also awarded over \$192,000 in scholarships to local students and adults looking to further their education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Herndon Fortnightly Club hereby be commended for its legacy of good work on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Herndon Fortnightly Club as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its service to the Herndon community and support for the Fairfax County Public Library system.

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