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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5032

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Commending Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, Inc.

Patrons—Favola, Barker, Ebbin, Howell and Saslaw; Delegates: Brink, Hope, Krupicka, Lopez and Simon

WHEREAS, in 2014, Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, Inc., celebrates 40 years of providing assistance to residents of the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and Arlington County who have been incarcerated or ordered to perform community service; and

WHEREAS, Offender Aid and Restoration is a community-based restorative justice nonprofit organization with a mission to blend compassion and accountability and to help offenders lead productive and responsible lives for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, the Reentry Program within Offender Aid and Restoration provides evidence-based case management to over 600 individuals coming home from incarceration each year, with a recidivism rate of less than 8 percent for those active in the program; and

WHEREAS, each year, Offender Aid and Restoration oversees more than 1,700 youths and adults who are given community service in lieu of jail time by Arlington and Falls Church courts, with a 92 percent completion rate; and

WHEREAS, Offender Aid and Restoration provides classes and orientation programs to inmates in the Arlington County and Alexandria detention facilities, which are taught by staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Offender Aid and Restoration arranges for the collection, wrapping, and delivery of over 800 Christmas presents for children of incarcerated parents each year; and

WHEREAS, Offender Aid and Restoration is an active member of the Virginia Pre and Post Incarceration Services Coalition, sharing expertise and experience with eight other state-funded reentry programs in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, Inc., for 40 years of dedicated service to people in need of a second chance in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gail C. Arnall, executive director of Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its unwavering commitment to helping offenders reintegrate into society.

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