## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1014**

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending the Herndon Children's Center.

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Patrons—Boysko; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center recently celebrated its 25th anniversary serving the greater Herndon community; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center is a nonprofit organization that provides children with a positive, nurturing environment in which to learn, play, and grow; and

WHEREAS, previously operated as The Federal Children's Center and sponsored by the federal government for its first 23 years, the Herndon Children's Center was privatized in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center offers year-round care for children ages three months to pre-kindergarten, and most of the children enrolled at the center attend five days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center is committed to a developmental, child-centered approach that values individuality, social interaction, and experiential learning; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and endorsed as an Eco-Healthy Early Childhood Program; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center employs a highly trained and caring staff that includes longtime employees Roselle Escobar, Debbie Spath, Rob Shafer, and Sarai Luis Sosa; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Children's Center is governed by a board of directors led by parents and community members that prioritizes excellence in care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Herndon Children's Center on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ruby L. Hildreth, director of the Herndon Children's Center, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's commitment to child development and care in Fairfax County.