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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 593

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Commending the Woman's Club of Arlington.

Patrons—Sullivan, Hope and Levine; Senators: Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs was organized on April 24, 1890, and duly chartered by President William McKinley and the United States Congress on March 3, 1901; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington was organized on October 22, 1931 by a group of 30 civic-minded women of the community with the objectives of providing charitable, educational, scientific, and literary support; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington joined the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington obtained a mortgage with a goal to purchase their own clubhouse, and in an effort to pay for their clubhouse, sold notes, held benefit card parties, sold pansies and hats, and held bazaars, luncheons, fall festivals, and theatrical productions; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington clubhouse stands today as a symbol of dedication to community improvement through volunteer service, always portraying the General Federation of Women's Clubs motto "Unity in Diversity"; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington has contributed to the General Federation of Women's Clubs programs in the areas of conservation, education, home life, international affairs, public affairs, and the arts in Arlington County, the United States, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Arlington continues to serve the Arlington community with financial and in-kind contributions to programs such as Arlington Food Assistance Center, Sullivan House, Doorways, Meals on Wheels, Randolph Elementary School Essay Contest, Stop Child Abuse Now, Wakefield High School Scholarship, Wounded Warriors, Gulf Branch Nature Center, and the local USO; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Woman's Club of Arlington on the occasion of its 85th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Woman's Club of Arlington as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the club's longstanding mission to strengthen and enhance the Arlington community.

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