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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 730

Offered January 12, 2017

*Commending The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg.*

Patrons—Cole, Bell, John J., Boysko, Byron, Carr, Dudenhefer, Freitas, Heretick, Hester, Hope, Howell, Lindsey, Mullin, Orrock, Rasoul, Simon, Ware and Watts; Senators: Reeves, Spruill and Vogel

WHEREAS, in 2016, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg celebrated 30 years of loyal service to members of the community in need; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg was established in September 1986 by Anne Crowe Essig, Valerie Rivera, Mary Wilson, Barbara Muir, and Cessie Howell to promote and support The Salvation Army of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg serves residents in the Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland and the City of Fredericksburg through volunteer efforts and generous outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg operates The Salvation Army Shoe Fund, which has raised more than \$1.3 million and provided tens of thousands of pairs of shoes to local children; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated supporter of the arts and education in the region, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg hosts the Book Buddies program, which has increased literacy by providing hundreds of thousands of books to children, and it raises funds for The Salvation Army School of Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg hosts the annual Music by Moonlight concert, with all proceeds helping to send disadvantaged youth to Camp Happyland near Richardsville in the summer; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg also distributes turkeys and bags of food at Thanksgiving; the organization has worked with local schools, grocery stores, and other groups to distribute more than 1,000 bags of food to families in need each year; and

WHEREAS, through its Angel Tree program, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg has collected gifts of toys, clothing, and other items, brightening the holidays for more than 1,500 local youth and hundreds of seniors; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg commemorated its 30th anniversary with a special breakfast, a birthday cake, and devotionals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Fredericksburg as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the community.

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