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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 772

Offered January 17, 2017

*Commending the Vienna Host Lions Club.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, the Vienna Host Lions Club, a service organization that empowers volunteers to meet humanitarian needs and promote peace and understanding, celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2017, the same year as the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 with a mission to make the world a better place by encouraging people to put their time and talents to use through community service; the organization has expanded to more than 46,000 clubs in 207 countries, including the Vienna Host Lions Club, which received its charter in May 1942; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Host Lions Club began with 18 charter members and has grown over the years to now count 42 men and women as its members; the club sponsored or co-sponsored eight other clubs throughout its history to earn its designation as a host club; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Host Lions Club is an active member of District 24-A in Northern Virginia, a community of more than 1,900 Lions, and the club is home to three past district governors; and

WHEREAS, like all Lions Clubs, the Vienna Host Lions Club works tirelessly to support the blind and visually impaired; the club collects, washes, and refurbishes used eyeglasses and hearing aids and distributes them to local residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Host Lions Club supports the youth of the Fairfax County community by organizing the annual James A. Bland Music Scholarship Competition, which is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Vienna Host Lions Club sells Christmas trees and holds other events and fundraising drives to support charitable organizations related to vision and hearing, youth athletics and summer camps, local public safety departments, and veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Vienna Host Lions Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Vienna Host Lions Club as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the club's leadership in community and humanitarian service.

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