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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 862

Offered February 1, 2017

Commending AHC Inc.

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

WHEREAS, in 2016, AHC Inc., celebrated four decades of providing comprehensive affordable housing for families with low and moderate incomes in Northern Virginia and the greater Washington, D.C., region; and

WHEREAS, AHC Inc., formerly Arlington Housing Corporation, was founded in December 1975, by community leaders who saw the need to preserve affordable housing in rapidly growing Arlington County, where rents were increasing and availability was decreasing; and

WHEREAS, United States Representative Joseph L. Fisher, Arlington County Board members James B. Hunter III and Ellen M. Bozman, and community activists Jennie Davis and Charles Rinker were instrumental in the founding of AHC Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in the beginning, AHC Inc. (AHC), operated as a nonprofit grassroots entity, providing home improvement loans for homeowners with limited incomes through a small two-person office in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, AHC evolved into a regional powerhouse that provides and maintains diverse types of affordable housing, developing 51 rental communities with nearly 7,000 homes, and offering high-quality property management and top-notch resident services; and

WHEREAS, AHC provides homes for more than 18,000 people and offers educational programs and social activities to 2,000 children, working adults, and senior citizens through its award-winning Resident Services program; and

WHEREAS, while AHC has expanded to serve communities in Alexandria, Fairfax County, and Washington, D.C., as well as Montgomery County, Maryland, and Baltimore, Maryland, the organization remains the oldest and largest developer of affordable housing in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 40-year history, AHC received strong support from local, state, and federal elected leaders, and the organization could not have continued to expand without its dedicated and enthusiastic supporters, donors, and volunteers, as well as allied community groups, businesses, and government partners; and

WHEREAS, AHC celebrated its 40th anniversary with an event at The Westin Arlington Gateway in September 2016, which was an opportunity to thank all who have contributed to AHC's efforts to provide suitable homes for so many families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend AHC Inc., on the 40th anniversary of its founding and four decades of providing affordable housing for families with low and moderate incomes in Northern Virginia and the greater Washington, D.C., region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Walter D. Webdale, president and CEO of AHC Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's accomplishments in preserving quality affordable housing so that residents of the Commonwealth with limited economic means can live and prosper.

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