HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 908

Commending the Little Library of Vienna.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, the Little Library of Vienna, a unique historical site, was established by a citizen of Vienna in 1897 on land donated by area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Little Library was the Town of Vienna's first library and served the community for many years with its impressive collection of books, most of which were privately donated; the library closed in the 1960s after the Fairfax County Public Library system opened a Vienna branch; and

WHEREAS, the Little Library building has moved twice in its history and came to its current location near the historic Freeman Store on Mill Street in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Little Library is preserved and maintained by Historic Vienna, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to promote the history and heritage of Vienna by educating the public, enhancing community spirit, and interpreting historic places, events, persons, and artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Historic Vienna, Inc., hosts open houses at the Little Library on the first Sunday of every month from March through December and during special events, allowing residents and visitors to experience local history; and

WHEREAS, Historic Vienna, Inc., has also enlisted the expert assistance of Dr. Robert Amsler in a project to catalog the collection at the Little Library, determining how many books there are, which is the oldest, which were most widely read, and other important facts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Little Library of Vienna on the occasion of its 120th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Historic Vienna, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Little Library of Vienna's unique place in local history.