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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 415**

Offered February 16, 2017

*Commending the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross.*Patrons—Greason, Boysko, LaRock, Minchew and Murphy

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been providing vital community services to county residents since March 9, 1917; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; and

WHEREAS, while the American Red Cross is known nationally for responding to large-scale disasters, the organization's Loudoun County Chapter is responsible for providing critical assistance to families in need at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross aspires to turn compassion into action, serving the Loudoun community through disaster response, blood collection, and providing lifesaving safety training; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross gives assistance to families affected by disaster or displaced from their homes by providing them with immediate food, lodging, clothing, and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross volunteers lend a helping hand and support to members of the military and their families in multiple ways, including spending time with patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross provides training in lifesaving techniques such as CPR and first aid, and provides transportation for Loudoun County seniors in order to get them to necessary medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross hosts community blood drives and is a leading provider of access to safe, lifesaving blood and blood products; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross has partnered with Loudoun County Fire and Rescue for a county-wide fire prevention initiative to reduce home fire deaths and injuries significantly over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross is to make sure the community is prepared for disasters and, when disaster strikes, to provide all people affected with care, shelter, and hope; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Loudoun County Chapter of the American Red Cross hereby be commended on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Erwin Stierle, executive director of the American Red Cross in Loudoun and Prince William Counties, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's indispensable service to the community and dedication to always being there in times of need.

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