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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 346

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Commending the Fairfax County Health Department.

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WHEREAS, the first campaign for public health was inaugurated in Fairfax County in April 1917, in the same week the United States entered World War I; and

WHEREAS, Dr. E. L. Flanagan was selected in 1919 to serve as the first Director of Health, along with one full-time sanitation officer, one full-time nurse, and one part-time clerk; and

WHEREAS, in the decades to follow, the rapid growth of Fairfax County led to expanded public health services with funding provided by the Virginia State Health Department, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the National Tuberculosis Association, and donations from private citizens; and

WHEREAS, through 100 years of service, the Fairfax County Health Department has distinguished itself as a model public health department working to protect, promote, and improve the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Fairfax County Health Department achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board, demonstrating its commitment to continuous quality improvement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Fairfax County Health Department on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fairfax County Health Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its mission to ensure the health and wellness of all of the members of the Fairfax County community.

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