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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 444

Offered February 20, 2017

*Commending Spring For Alexandria.*

Patrons—Ebbin, Barker and Saslaw

WHEREAS, Spring For Alexandria is a collaboration between Volunteer Alexandria and the City of Alexandria that was established in 2007 to help the community and those most in need; and

WHEREAS, Spring For Alexandria has brought together residents, local nonprofits, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, and local government to demonstrate that Alexandrians give where they work and live; and

WHEREAS, people and families giving of their time and talents is an integral part of the community's traditions and essential to the unique spirit of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a powerful force for the solution of human problems and creative use of human resources, which is necessary for a healthy, productive, and humane society; and

WHEREAS, Spring For Alexandria has engaged thousands of volunteers and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Alexandria-based charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Spring For Alexandria's Community Service Day is central to the community's culture, and a fine example of businesses, nonprofits, neighbors, youth, and government working together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, on Community Service Day, volunteers raise funds to assist agencies in need or work to deliver meals, repair homes for veterans, read to children, foster animals, prepare meals for the homeless, and much more; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Spring For Alexandria is working towards ending hunger in Alexandria, while collaborating with the faith-based, nonprofit, and business communities and volunteers to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Spring For Alexandria celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Community Service Day, where hundreds of employees and residents come together to volunteer their time and talents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Spring For Alexandria on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Spring For Alexandria as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its many contributions to the Alexandria community.

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