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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 280

Offered February 15, 2018

Commending the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William County Chapter.

Patrons—Torian, Ayala, Bourne, Filler-Corn, Gooditis, Guzman, Hayes, Herring, Hugo, Hurst, Jones, J.C., Keam, Krizek, Lindsey, Lopez, Plum and Rasoul; Senators: Barker, McPike and Spruill

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2012, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William County Chapter has been committed to improving the lives of women, girls, and their families in the community; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) Prince William County Chapter is a nonprofit volunteer organization for women; the group addresses common issues in local communities and families, advocates for gender and racial equality, and strives to enhance career opportunities through networking and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NCBW Prince William County Chapter is to advocate on behalf of women of color in the areas of leadership development, health, education, and economic and political empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW Prince William County Chapter proudly partners with the Potomac Health Foundation, Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, and over 35 other partners to increase access to primary health care and help to reduce incidences of triple-negative breast cancer, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, over the last four years, the NCBW Prince William County Chapter has written grants and received funds in the amount of \$375,000, including \$35,000 in donations from partners, and dedicated those funds toward improving the health of the residents of Prince William and Stafford Counties; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW Prince William County Chapter operates a diabetes awareness program designed to educate African American women and men about pre-diabetes, diabetes types 1 and 2, and diabetes prevention, early diagnosis, screening, and intervention; and

WHEREAS, to help implement its diabetes awareness program, NCBW Prince William County Chapter has partnered with 13 churches: First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Neabsco Baptist Church, Dale City Christian Church Cathedral of Praise, Little Union Baptist Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Greater New Life Christian Fellowship Church, Christ New Birth Ministries, United Faith Christian Ministry, The Life Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Touch Hearts Christian Center; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW Prince William County Chapter has presented awards and accolades to many community partners who support its health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW Prince William County Chapter's devotion to public health was summarized by Bishop Leonard B. Lacey, pastor of United Faith Christian Ministry, who stated on September 14, 2017: "Among our philanthropists are leaders who are gifted in motivating and persuading people to change their minds and choose a better way of life. If the lack of knowledge brings death, certainly the abundance of wisdom, medical knowledge and truth can save lives"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William County Chapter for its exceptional contributions to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William County Chapter as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the group's dedication to serving women, girls, and families in Prince William and Stafford Counties and best wishes for the future.

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