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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 409

Offered February 28, 2018

*Commending Mary Mellon.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Mary Mellon, a retired educator in Arlington County, has generously supported the Arlington Free Clinic in its mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive health and dental care to members of the community in need; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pennsylvania, Mary Mellon was the child of two immigrants, both of whom died due to medical complications while she was young; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mellon relocated to the Commonwealth in the 1960s, and worked as a special educator in Arlington Public Schools for 30 years; she was inspired by Arlington County's engaged residents, vibrant spirit, and strong sense of community; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement as a teacher, Mary Mellon began supporting the Arlington Free Clinic as a pharmacy volunteer and a donor; she witnessed the creation of the clinic's dental program, which has provided hundreds of appointments to the clinic's patients; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of good oral health, Mary Mellon honored the memory of her parents, particularly her father, who died from an untreated tooth infection, when she pledged a donation of more than \$250,000 to support the Arlington Free Clinic's dental program; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mellon's generous donation will help the Arlington Free Clinic grow and sustain its dental program for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mary Mellon for her work to make dental care accessible for all members of the Arlington community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Mellon as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the health and wellness of her fellow Arlington residents.

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