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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45**

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*Commending the Vienna Area National Organization for Women.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, for 10 years, the Vienna Area National Organization for Women has worked to support women's rights issues and elevate and empower women in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, originally founded in 2008, the Vienna Area National Organization for Women (NOW) was revitalized in 2012 and now includes dozens of members; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Area NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that focuses on several core issues and advocates for a women's rights amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Area NOW supports women's health and reproductive rights issues and economic equality for women, fights bigotry based on race, sex, and orientation, and works to end violence against women; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Area NOW is part of the National Action Program, a set of action priorities that guides NOW chapters throughout the country and aims to place marginalized women at the forefront of solutions and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Area NOW works with other local organizations to fulfill its mission and sponsors Assistance to Young Mothers, a program that helps young mothers achieve independent living; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Vienna Area National Organization for Women for a decade of service to women throughout Northern Virginia, the Commonwealth, and the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Vienna Area National Organization for Women as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's many contributions to women's rights.

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