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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1041

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Commending Fairfax County.

Patrons—Delaney, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Bulova, Convirs-Fowler, Filler-Corn, Hope, Keam, Kory, Levine, Lindsey, Rasoul, Reid, Sullivan and Ware; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Dance, Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Fairfax County received the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA award for the 35th consecutive year in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Tree City USA program is a national framework that helps communities manage and expand urban forests; Fairfax County is one of 3,400 communities in the United States and 56 communities in Virginia that have attained this prestigious designation; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors works with community partners and residents to promote urban forestry in the area; with more than 44 million trees, the tree cover in Fairfax County is 51.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, public trees in Fairfax County make significant contributions to the local ecosystem by removing more than 4,438 tons of pollution each year and producing 232.9 thousand tons of oxygen per year; and

WHEREAS, public trees in Fairfax County have a structural value of more than \$32 billion and provide energy savings of more than \$34 million each year; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County commemorated the award at its annual SpringFest Fairfax event on Arbor Day 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Fairfax County on receiving the 2018 Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Fairfax County Tree Commission as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for Fairfax County's work to enhance the quality of life for all residents by planting and maintaining trees in public areas.

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