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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 256

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending the Herndon Fortnightly Club.

Patrons—Boysko and Favola; Delegate: Samirah

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the Commonwealth, has promoted literacy and civic leadership among women for 130 years; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club was established by 11 local women in 1889 to provide opportunities every two weeks for members to study science, art, literature, and current events; and

WHEREAS, by 1900, the Herndon Fortnightly Club had amassed a collection of more than 1,000 books on various subjects and is now considered to be Fairfax County's first lending library; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, the Herndon Fortnightly Club built a new library on Spring Street with a volunteer staff to better serve the growing community; and

WHEREAS, after its establishment in 1939, Fairfax County Public Library offered rotating collections of books to the Herndon Fortnightly Club and other local libraries; the Herndon Fortnightly Library officially became a branch of the public library system in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club continues to fulfill its mission to promote education in the community by supporting the Herndon Fortnightly Library through gifts, donations, volunteer efforts, and sponsoring the library's annual open house, a beloved local tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Herndon Fortnightly Club joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1912 and has supported countless charitable causes in Fairfax County over the years; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing the importance of lifelong learning, the Herndon Fortnightly Club has also awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to local students and adults looking to further their education; and opened another library at Birmingham Green; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Herndon Fortnightly Club on the occasion of its 130th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Burger, president of the Herndon Fortnightly Club, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the club's longstanding support for the Fairfax County Public Library and legacy of contributions to the entire Herndon community.

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