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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 563

Offered January 19, 2023

Commending HealthWorks for Northern Virginia.

Patrons—Gooditis; Senator: Boysko

WHEREAS, for more than 15 years, HealthWorks for Northern Virginia has provided comprehensive medical, behavioral, and dental services to residents of Northern Virginia regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, HealthWorks was established in 2007 after a merger between the Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic and the Loudoun Community Health Center and now serves patients in Fairfax County and Loudoun County from five locations; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, HealthWorks provided a wide range of services to more than 18,000 patients, representing more than 63,000 individual visits; more than 60 percent of the organization's patients are uninsured and most fall 100 percent below the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, HealthWorks strives to ensure that patients have access to affordable medications, referrals to specialists, and assistance with insurance and Medicaid enrollment; and

WHEREAS, HealthWorks has also built strong community partnerships to address social determinants of health by offering resources for patients related to nutritious food, affordable permanent housing, tax preparation, childhood education, workforce development, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, HealthWorks remained open to provide testing and vaccination along with its regular services; as of late 2022, the organization has administered more than 8,000 COVID-19 tests and more than 12,550 doses of COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, HealthWorks has fulfilled its mission through the hard work of its 115 staff members and the generosity of volunteers who have donated thousands of hours of service to ensure that people in need receive the highest quality care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend HealthWorks for Northern Virginia on the occasion of its 15th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to HealthWorks for Northern Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements in service to the residents of Northern Virginia.

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