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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 717
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Commending Vienna Youth Soccer.

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WHEREAS, for 50 years, Vienna Youth Soccer has provided opportunities for local young people to build character, confidence, and a lifelong love of soccer through a wide range of athletics programs, becoming an integral part of the Vienna community; and

WHEREAS, established in 1975, Vienna Youth Soccer serves children of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds through recreational, developmental, and travel soccer programs; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Youth Soccer helps young people hone their skills through soccer camps and clinics, offers adult coed soccer leagues, and ensures that every member of the community can cultivate an appreciation for the beautiful game through a program for children and young adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Youth Soccer serves an average of 3,000 athletes every year, with tens of thousands of individuals participating directly in soccer programs over the course of the organization's 50-year history, which represents more than 100 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Youth Soccer has donated more than \$2 million to the community through scholarships and facilities development, and its members have gone above and beyond to support other organizations and initiatives to enhance the overall quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Vienna Youth Soccer worked with No Room for Abuse, which seeks to address instances of verbal and physical violence toward referees, and subsequently reported a record-low number of such incidents the following year; and

WHEREAS, Vienna Youth Soccer commemorated its milestone 50th anniversary by holding a food drive on behalf of Food for Others Power Pack Program, which provides meals to children on non-school days; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Vienna Youth Soccer hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Vienna Youth Soccer as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission to support and empower young people.