

25107079D

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 691

Offered February 16, 2025

Commending the McLean Community Center.

Patrons—Sullivan; Senator: Boysko

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the McLean Community Center has provided engaging experiences that enrich the lives of McLean residents of all ages, backgrounds, and interests; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Community Center was established by a group of local citizens, now known as the Friends of the McLean Community Center, who worked together for a decade to create a vibrant, multi-purpose community space; and

WHEREAS, in addition to identifying and acquiring the property where the McLean Community Center would be built, the group advocated for the center to be funded by a special real estate tax surcharge, which was approved by voters in 1970, and to be overseen by an elected governing board, rather than appointed board members; and

WHEREAS, since opening its doors in October 1975, the McLean Community Center has been a hub for arts, culture, and community connections, faithfully serving the residents of Dranesville Small District 1A; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Community Center provides a variety of educational and cultural activities; its facilities include the Alden Theatre, art galleries, studios, and spaces for community meetings and events, as well as the award-winning Old Firehouse Center, a dynamic space for teens and families; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Community Center hosts several beloved local events, including the annual McLean Day festival, ArtFest, antique and craft shows, dances, and more; and

WHEREAS, the McLean Community Center has fulfilled its mission through the outstanding leadership of its all-volunteer governing board, support from the Friends of the McLean Community Center, and the hard work of countless event and program volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the McLean Community Center on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the McLean Community Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its legacy of contributions to the residents of McLean as a cherished local gathering place.

INTRODUCED

HJ691