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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 676

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church.

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WHEREAS, in 2024, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church celebrated 50 years of journeying with individuals impacted by the criminal legal system, including those incarcerated in or returning from incarceration to the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church is a community-based nonprofit organization that envisions a safe and thriving community where those impacted by the legal system enjoy equal civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church's downstream work allows the organization to be on the journey with individuals and their families returning from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church also offers alternative sentencing options, including community service, and diversion programs, so that people can avoid the trauma of incarceration and instead help the community thrive; and

WHEREAS, OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church is an active member of the Virginia Prerelease and Post-Incarceration Services Coalition, sharing expertise and experience with eight other state-funded reentry programs in the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church hereby be commended for 50 years of unwavering commitment to justice, joy, and liberation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, executive director of OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect and admiration for the organization's unwavering commitment to a safe and thriving community where those impacted by the legal system enjoy equal civil and human rights.

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