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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 894

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Cornerstones, Inc.

Patrons—Shin, Bulova, Cohen, Henson, Keys-Gamarra, Krizek, Martinez, Reaser, Reid, Seibold, Sickles, Singh, Sullivan, Tran and Watts

WHEREAS, for 55 years, the nonprofit organization Cornerstones, Inc., has promoted self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services along the Dulles Corridor; and

WHEREAS, established in 1970 with a focus on affordable housing, Cornerstones has expanded its mission to become one of the premier human services providers in Northern Virginia, offering a wide range of life-changing programs; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstones works with a diverse coalition of faith-based organizations, civic organizations, and corporate partners, as well as thousands of donors, advocates, and volunteers to foster stability and resiliency by connecting people in need with vital resources; and

WHEREAS, Cornerstones has created a critical community safety net by preventing evictions, providing emergency shelter, protecting individuals from life-threatening weather conditions, offering nutritious food and other basic necessities, and helping individuals move from homelessness to secure permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, through its comprehensive, holistic approach, Cornerstones has empowered community members by helping families become homeowners, assisting with care management, conducting citizenship courses, and providing affordable child care and before-school and after-school programs to working families; and

WHEREAS, among its many programs, Cornerstones maintains affordable housing residences in Fairfax County, offers foreclosure prevention services, housing counseling, and emergency shelters, and provides access to basic necessities, including nutritious food through the Hunger Center in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, the last pillar in Cornerstones' mission, hope, is fostered by Cornerstones' tremendous advocacy network that works to ensure adequate affordable housing, better conditions for children and families, a living wage for local workers, and racial and social equity; and

WHEREAS, the profound impact of Cornerstones' mission is evident in its service to more than 15,000 individuals annually, including thousands of families and children, making it one of the most impactful charitable organizations in Fairfax County and a model for compassionate community service throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cornerstones, Inc., hereby be commended on the occasion of its 55th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kerrie B. Wilson, chief executive officer of Cornerstones, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to people in need throughout northwestern Fairfax County.

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