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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 961

Offered October 27, 2025

Commending Kerrie Wilson.

Patrons—Keys-Gamarra, Gardner, Henson, LeVere Bolling, Martinez, Rasoul, Reid, Shin and Simonds

WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson, chief executive officer of Cornerstones, a nonprofit organization in Reston dedicated to promoting self-sufficiency by offering individuals and families in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services, will retire in 2026; and

WHEREAS, early in her career, Kerrie Wilson worked for the American Cancer Society, supporting cancer prevention in medically underserved communities as she rose through the organization to become its national vice president for government relations; and

WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson joined Cornerstones, formerly known as Reston Interfaith, in 2001 and for the past 25 years has guided the organization's steady growth and expansion of services while maintaining a deep commitment to social justice, equity, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, under Kerrie Wilson's leadership, Cornerstones serves approximately 26,000 households annually, including at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter and the Laurel Learning Center at Lake Anne Plaza and through more than 100 affordable housing units and a food pantry; and

WHEREAS, Kerrie Wilson led Cornerstones' recent expansion beyond Fairfax County with the establishment of the Free from Hunger Center in Sterling, a 10,000-square-foot warehouse that stores excess food for distribution to local food pantries and feeding programs; and

WHEREAS, as the chief executive officer of Cornerstones, Kerrie Wilson oversaw the distribution of more than 300,000 pounds of food and personal care items and \$1.2 million in emergency financial and utilities assistance, as well as the work of more than 2,300 volunteers, in 2024 alone; and

WHEREAS, beyond her role with Cornerstones, Kerrie Wilson has supported the community as co-chair of Fairfax County's Affordable Housing Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her extraordinary efforts, Kerrie Wilson received the Non-Profit Leadership Award from Leadership Fairfax in 2018, while Cornerstones has continually received various awards and four-star ratings from Charity Navigator throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, with great passion and vision, Kerrie Wilson has made an immeasurable impact on countless lives, helping to make Reston a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kerrie Wilson, chief executive officer of Cornerstones, hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kerrie Wilson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her legacy of leadership and service and best wishes for a wonderful and well-earned retirement.

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