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1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119**

2 Offered February 28, 2018

3 *Commending Cecile Richards.*

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6 WHEREAS, in 2018, Cecile Richards, a passionate advocate for women's health and reproductive  
7 rights, retires as the president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, after more than a decade of  
8 active leadership; and9 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood, a nonprofit organization founded in 1916, offers health services,  
10 education, and abortion care to millions of patients; Cecile Richard was named president of the  
11 organization in 2006 and has helped membership more than triple, surpassing 10 million members; and12 WHEREAS, Cecile Richards has also served as president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund  
13 and played a critical role in shaping health care coverage for women under the Affordable Care Act;  
14 during her tenure, she successfully preserved access to preventative care through federal programs and  
15 maintained grant funding for breast cancer screenings through Susan G. Komen for the Cure; and16 WHEREAS, under Cecile Richards' leadership, Planned Parenthood renewed its focus on supporting  
17 women in marginalized communities and underserved rural areas; the organization serves clients though  
18 more than 600 affiliate health centers throughout the United States; and19 WHEREAS, Cecile Richards cultivated a strong interest in civic life from a young age as the  
20 daughter of a civil rights attorney and a former governor of Texas; before joining Planned Parenthood,  
21 she earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and served as deputy chief of staff to  
22 Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and as founding president of America Votes, a coalition of grassroots  
23 voter registration organizations; and24 WHEREAS, after her retirement from Planned Parenthood, Cecile Richards plans to seek new  
25 opportunities to advocate for women's rights; she leaves a legacy of strength and excellence to her  
26 successor as president; now, therefore, be it27 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cecile Richards hereby be commended on the occasion  
28 of her retirement as president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America; and, be it29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
30 for presentation to Cecile Richards as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her  
31 exceptional leadership of Planned Parenthood and commitment to advancing women's rights throughout  
32 the Commonwealth and the United States.

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