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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 387

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Commending Encore Learning.

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WHEREAS, Encore Learning, Arlington County's premier organization offering educational and social opportunities to residents both in Arlington and throughout the region, will celebrate its 20th anniversary on September 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, originally known as the Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute, Encore Learning was first established in the autumn of 2002 to meet the educational and social needs of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning is a prime example of how to combat social isolation and encourage healthy, active, and engaged lives as promoted by Virginia's Office for Aging Services; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning is a nonprofit, equal opportunity organization integrated into Arlington's community that strives to meet the continuing education and social needs of any interested persons over 50 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning provides college-level, noncredit daytime courses, lectures, and special events for members, as well as lectures, panel discussions, and film screenings open to the public cosponsored by Arlington Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning offers its members social opportunities in and outside of the classroom through its 10 clubs and by attendance at a variety of other occasions; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning's instructors, board members, club participants, class aides, and committee members are all generous volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning provides scholarships to graduating Arlington County high school students and to graduate students attending George Mason University and contributes funding to the Arlington County Public Schools Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education and to the Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs; and

WHEREAS, Encore Learning has planned a number of celebrations in 2022 to commemorate the organization's 20 years of achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Encore Learning on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the president of Encore Learning as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for continued success.

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