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Board Matter

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Madam Chairman—Rosemary C. Byrne, the longtime executive director of Clean Fairfax Council, retired from the Council last month. Clean Fairfax Council was established in 1978 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to implement an anti-litter campaign and in 1985, the group became a private nonprofit. Funding for the program comes from statewide taxes provided by manufacturers, wholesaler, and distributors of certain products. Clean Fairfax Council educates the citizens of Fairfax County on litter prevention and control, supports the County recycling program, discourages graffiti, and provides environmental education to students and adults.

Under Rosemary's leadership, thousands of volunteers have worked together to make Fairfax County a cleaner place to live. The Council runs spring and fall litter clean up programs, participates in town meetings and countywide events where it educates citizens about litter prevention and control and recycling. It manages an Adopt-A-Spot program and is a member of the Virginia Council for Litter Prevention and Recycling, The Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia, The Virginia Recycling Association, and produces the Fairfax County Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College. Clean Fairfax Council has received awards from the Adopt-A-Highway program, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Hands of Healing, Keep America Beautiful, Keep Virginia Beautiful, Take Pride in America, Renew America, Operation Spruce Up, and the Virginia Department of Waste Management.

Madame Chairman—I ask for unanimous consent to bring Rosemary C. Byrne before the Board for Recognition.