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## Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Foust, and **Supervisor Lusk**

Recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Davis Career Center

Members of the Board.

This year marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Davis Career Center (DCC) and its success in our community. The DCC is one of two Fairfax County Public Schools centers designed to serve students with disabilities aged 18-22 years who require instruction through a modified curriculum focused on life and career skills.

DCC's journey over the last four decades has been nothing short of inspiring. They have created a safe, welcoming, and respectful classroom and community environment where our students can grow and learn in various life and social skills such as problem-solving, and productive communication skills, while building relationships and habits that will prepare them for life ahead.

DCC helps build strong connections between school, home, and community. They create an inclusive environment that fosters growth and allows our students to feel encouraged, involved, and respected, all while working in a challenging and safe environment.

DCC aims to empower all students, including those with disabilities, by offering

career and independent living training, preparing them for post-secondary options,

fostering self-determination and facilitating their transitions. This is achieved

through various instructional strategies and environments, including small group

classrooms, school-based and community-based job sites, community resource sites,

supervised and unsupervised settings. The Davis Career Center has and will continue

to transform the lives of many in our community.

Therefore, without objection, I move that a proclamation be prepared and presented

to the Davis Career Center inside or outside the Board room to honor and celebrate

40 years of success and dedication to improving the lives of our students.

The Honorable Dalia A. Palchik October 24, 2023