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Board Matter

Recognizing Holmes Run Acres' 70th Anniversary

Members of the Board,

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of Holmes Run Acres, a community born with unique architecture, a beautiful natural setting, and a strong sense of community. All anniversary events will be held during 2022, in hopes that the restrictions of the pandemic will be behind us, and we can all celebrate with the Holmes Run Community in person.

Holmes Run Acres began in 1945 when Mr. Herman Schmidt, a Washington investor and owner of a 122-acre tract, filed a Deed of Declaration naming the tract Holmes Run Acres. Development began in 1950 and the houses were constructed by three builders: the Luria brothers (Gerald and Eli), Gaddy Construction Company and Andre Bodor. In 1957, there were 326 homes in Holmes Run Acres. Today that number stands at 365 and while the community is larger, the spirit of Holmes Run Acres remains.

Holmes Run Acres was designed with unique contemporary architecture to save trees and blend into the Virginia countryside. That intentionality is evident viewed through the work of the Holmes Run Acres Civic Association, who have spent years carefully documenting their history and producing Holmes Run Nature guides, cookbooks, poetry books, art collections, gardening tips, and archives. The work of the civic association and engaged neighbors helped lead to my first board matter as

supervisor, launching the work of the Department of Planning and Development to work with the community and my office in reviewing and preparing for a possible Historic Overlay District, expected to be completed later this calendar year.

In addition, Holmes Run Acres boasts an extensive array of community events from ‘Day in the Park’ to egg hunts, garden tours, and arts and craft exhibits. The association organizes fundraisers for community organizations and views the wellbeing of Woodburn Elementary School as a communal responsibility. They take great pride in looking out for their neighbors and checking in on one another. Holmes Run Acres continues to exemplify an active and caring community in Providence District, and in Fairfax County.

Therefore, I move that the Board extend our warm congratulations to Holmes Run Acres community for their 70th Anniversary and request that a resolution be prepared to be presented outside the Board room.