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Board Matter

Recognizing Linda Byrne

Members of the Board,

The Friends of Oakton Library was founded in 2001 in response to community enthusiasm for creation of the new branch. Linda Byrne, whom you all may know from working in the Providence Office with former Supervisor Linda Smyth, will be retiring from the Friends of Oakton Library board.

Linda started in the Providence office in the latter part of 2007 and while she did a bit of everything, she worked on the “Providence Perspective” Oral History Project from the time she started in the office until the last day she was there. She was also involved in countless volunteer groups and was honored as Lady Fairfax from Providence District in 2007 and Community Champion, along with other Oakton Women’s Club members, in 2019.

Linda’s commitment to the Oakton Library goes back years as she is one of the founding members of the Friends group and has been on the Board for a long time. Additionally, she was associated with Options for Oakton which is a citizens-organized group trying to make good use of the future library property that was to be sold. Options for Oakton eventually got the go-ahead for the Oakton library, partly because of Linda’s involvement.

Therefore, I move that staff prepare a proclamation for Linda Byrne thanking her for her service and determination to make a positive difference in Fairfax County to be presented at a future Board meeting or out of the Board room as conditions dictate.