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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay**  
**65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra**

Members of the Board,

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and I had the honor of kicking off their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season as a guest conductor. Through exceptional performances, educational outreach with emphasis on reaching low-income students, and community activities, FSO inspires and engages a large and diverse audience in our region and beyond.

Since its inception in 1975, FSO has pursued dual passions – to be a leading artistic voice on the concert stage and to take its knowledge, artistry, and commitment to the great art of classical music into the community and to the young people of Fairfax County. FSO has been providing education programs in partnership with the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and is a recipient of the FCPS Community Partner of the Year Award for its outstanding educational partnership with the school system. Under the inspired direction of music director Christopher Zimmerman, FSO maintains its reputation as one of the finest regional orchestras in the country and has been hailed by the Washington Post as “a crown jewel of the cultural landscape.”

Therefore, I move without objection that the Board recognize the 65th anniversary of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with a proclamation to be presented at one of their upcoming concerts, and to thank the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra for its outstanding work for the arts.