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Honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Annandale Lions Club

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Mr. Davis of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Annandale Lions Club, a truly outstanding organization that has served Annandale, Virginia for sixty years.

Throughout its history, the Annandale Lions Club has embraced the Lions philosophy of "We Serve," and all residents of Annandale – young and old – owe them a debt of gratitude. To date, the club has raised over \$1,000,000 and has dedicated innumerable hours towards making their community a better place to live.

Thanks to the Lions, there is playground equipment at Annandale Elementary School. Thanks to the Lions, Fairfax Hospital got its first maternity ward. Thanks to the Lions, there are bleachers and lights at the Annandale High School athletic fields.

As Annandale evolved from small rural town to bustling suburb, the Lions have been there to help keep up with change. They marked streets, numbered houses and mapped their community to help firefighters respond to emergencies and facilitate mail delivery. As the number of children in the area grew, they helped provide wholesome activities by sponsoring scout troops and baseball teams. They constructed the children's playhouse at the Annandale Christian Community for Action's (ACCA) day care center, and have sponsored local youths for the Virginia Boys and Girls State summer leadership and citizenship programs.

The Annandale Lions, like Lions everywhere, also do a great deal for those with special physical needs, particularly those with vision and hearing impairments. They support sight and hearing screenings and research, and have offered financial assistance to the Virginia Lions Eye Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking each and every Annandale Lion for their hard work and dedication to helping others in making Annandale a great place to live. I am proud to honor the club on its 60th anniversary, and wish them continued success in the years to come.