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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 852

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Commending the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board.

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WHEREAS, created in 1971 by action of the General Assembly and by resolution of the City Councils of Hampton and Newport News, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has provided a comprehensive array of community-based services to citizens of the Peninsula who are affected by mental illness, mental retardation, or alcohol or drug dependency; and

WHEREAS, operating on a local level and being accountable to local government, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board is uniquely qualified to provide rapid, flexible and accessible services to its consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, directly and contractually operated programs of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board have contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life on the Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, by working in partnership with consumers, family members, advocates and other local service agencies, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has provided assistance to those citizens least able to care for themselves, enabling them to become vital, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS over the past 30 years, many dedicated citizen volunteers have represented the cities of Hampton and Newport News on the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, which has built an enviable record of providing high-quality services to the citizens of these communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board was the first community services board in the Commonwealth to pursue and achieve the benchmark of national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); and

WHEREAS, the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence by establishing a dynamic, innovative and visionary service delivery system in partnership with consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board has worked to create model programs, such as Project LINK, the Program for Assertive Community Treatment, the Newport News Drug Court Treatment Program, Lassen House, In-Home Services and Creative Options, which have gained both statewide and national recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board for 30 years of exemplary service to the citizens of the Peninsula; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Johnnie Bell Bunch, chair of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for its 30 years of fine work and dedication to the betterment of the lives of the citizens of Virginia.

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