SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Commending Carol Davis.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2005

WHEREAS, Carol Davis has dedicated her life to helping senior citizens during her tenure at the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis began her career with that organization in 1978 as an outreach worker, and she eventually earned the position of executive director in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that she offered the best possible service to her clients, Carol Davis participated in numerous educational and training programs throughout her career, including mental health training at Virginia Commonwealth University, nutrition directors training at the Community Nutrition Institute in Washington, D.C., and supervisor training at Germanna Community College and the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis earned many prestigious awards throughout her career, among them a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rappahannock Rehabilitation Facility for aiding the disabled, acknowledgement from the United Way for outstanding service, and recognition as the 2003 Mental Retardation Volunteer of the Year by Rappahannock Adult Activities, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, one of the first comprehensive outreach systems that considered the complex needs of adults and caregivers was developed by Carol Davis; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis has been a team player with other human service professionals in Planning District 16, believing that coordination and resource sharing are the keys to success; and

WHEREAS, transportation has been identified as one of the greatest needs of the elderly population, and Carol Davis has provided leadership in creating a program that addresses these needs for the clients of the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis has played a pivotal role in providing transportation for seniors to meal sites and to other community services; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis has provided the leadership required to facilitate a financial management system that was important to Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging operations and served as a mentor to new Area Agency on Aging staff responsible for client services; and

WHEREAS, Carol Davis was one of the first leaders in the Aging Network to host a large annual senior citizens gathering to celebrate the longevity and contributions of older persons and to highlight the needs they have for support and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the local governing officials of Planning District 16 have gratefully recognized Carol Davis' dedication and compassionate spirit and her numerous, invaluable, and sustained contributions to those individuals she has so faithfully served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, That Carol Davis be hereby commended on her outstanding career of service to the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carol Davis as an expression of the Senate's appreciation and gratitude for her dedication to the welfare of Virginia senior citizens.