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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered February 14, 2006

Commending the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board.

Patrons—Hamilton, BaCote, Dance, Gear, Oder, Rapp and Ward; Senators: Locke, Norment and Williams

WHEREAS, created in 1971 by the 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 improved 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 35 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 Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board will complete the construction of a 14-acre "state of the art" central campus that will serve as a "center of quality and excellence" for people who are affected by mental disabilities in the spring of 2006; and

WHEREAS, the staff members of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board have worked to create model programs, such as the Southeastern Family Project, the Health Planning Region V Reinvestment Project, the Program for Assertive Community Treatment, the Hampton and Newport News Adult Drug Court Treatment Programs, the Community Builder's Network, Lassen House, Community Resource Center, In-Home and Mentoring Services, Pathways and Creative Options Cuisine, 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 hereby commend the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board for its 35 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 Anthony W. Soltys, Chair of the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for its 35 years of fine work and dedication to the betterment of the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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