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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 770

Offered January 18, 2007

Commending Virginia's state employees for their charitable giving in 2006.

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WHEREAS, Virginia's state employees are recognized for their generous donations to the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign; and

WHEREAS, state employees join together each year to support their favorite charities and help people in need through Virginia's successful workforce giving plan, the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), which is a service of the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, during this year's campaign, approximately 23,000 state employees in agencies across Virginia donated a record \$4.1 million to the CVC to help people in need through 1,400 local, state, and national charities and donations are made to the CVC at work by cash, check, payroll deduction, or stock, and the contributions are tax-deductible; and

WHEREAS, state employees may choose how they designate their donations by choosing a favorite charity, multiple charities, all of the charities in their area of the state, or all of the charities that apply annually to participate in the campaign; and

WHEREAS, state employees like to know how their CVC pledge is making a difference in their communities, and each month the CVC website features individual charities, their services, and stories about people who have benefited from donations; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 more than 22,000 state employees gave \$4.4 million through the CVC, which included more than \$502,000 designated to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, state employees have increasingly shown concern for the well-being of their fellow citizens and their communities by donating more than \$30 million to help people in need by way of the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Virginia's state employees for their exceptional charitable giving in 2006; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the statewide director of the CVC, Anne Dinterman, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of the overwhelming support of the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign by state employees.