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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 893

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*Commending Chesterfield County Friends of the Library.*

Patrons—Hall, Cox, Ingram, Nixon and Ware, R.L.

WHEREAS, founded 36 years ago, Chesterfield County Friends of the Library are recognized for their longtime service to community libraries and the citizens of Chesterfield County and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library USA named October 22-28, 2006, as the first National Friends of the Library Week, a national celebration that put the spotlight on local Friends of the Library groups across the country; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County Friends of the Library and other groups like it across the Commonwealth are the hard-working volunteers who coordinate and staff book sales, partner with libraries and community organizations, advocate in the community for library support, and promote special library programs for children, teenagers, and adults; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County Friends of the Library have helped rebuild libraries destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, organized the Book and Author program, supported book sales at Barnes & Noble to earn a percentage of each purchase on special sale days, sponsored book gift wrapping during the holidays, and conducted numerous other fundraising activities to aid Chesterfield County's vital library services; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County Friends of the Library donated \$30,000 each year for the last two years to enhance library programs, and, on the organization's 35th anniversary, donated a special gift of \$3,500 to purchase large print books, books on tape, and other media for library patrons that are visually and hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County Friends of the Library and all friends groups across the Commonwealth help our local libraries bring the very best library programs to our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Chesterfield County Friends of the Library for their outstanding commitment and longtime service to the community libraries and the citizens of Chesterfield County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chesterfield County Friends of the Library for their dedication to making books and quality library services more attainable to all of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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