

2008 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 292

Commending the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 1, 2008

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2008

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing pastoral counseling, supporting clergy, and training students in pastoral counseling in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIPCare), an interfaith, not-for-profit counseling and educational institute, was incorporated in Richmond by 12 concerned citizens in 1967; and

WHEREAS, VIPCare is served by ministers certified by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, most of whom are also licensed as professional counselors and marriage and family therapists and all of whom have a unique sensitivity to the dynamics of behavior and faith; and

WHEREAS, VIPCare has a policy of turning no one away because of their inability to pay and a philosophy that healing involves meaning and value, as well as symptom relief; that a caring relationship is basic to healing; and that there is an inherent human need for personal and relational wholeness; and

WHEREAS, VIPCare counselors have influenced the field of pastoral counseling through their research and writing and by serving in significant positions in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors; and

WHEREAS, VIPCare is accredited by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors as a counseling and training center and is a recipient of the Distinguished Program Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, VIPCare was previously accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., and was a recipient of the organization's Research Center of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, an integral partner of the Richmond community and the Commonwealth, VIPCare is one of the oldest pastoral counseling centers in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the organization for its many outstanding services and best wishes for continued success in the future.

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