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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 399

Offered February 14, 2008

Commending Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Patrons—Poisson, Albo, Amundson, Athey, Bulova, Caputo, Cole, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Frederick, Howell, A.T., Howell, W.J., Hugo, Hull, Jones, S.C., Lingamfelter, Marsden, Marshall, R.G., May, McClellan, Miller, J.H., Moran, Nichols, Plum, Rust, Scott, J.M., Shannon, Sickles, Vanderhye and Watts; Senators: Barker, Colgan, Cuccinelli, Herring, Howell, Petersen, Puller, Saslaw, Stuart, Ticer, Vogel and Whipple

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) celebrated its 25th anniversary on January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in response to President Roosevelt's request in 1935 for Congress to pass legislation to help electrify more than five million farms, farmers in Loudoun, Fairfax, and Clarke counties met in 1939 to form the Tri-County Electric Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, townspeople and farmers in Manassas and parts of Fairfax, Fauquier, Stafford, Loudoun, and Prince William met and formed the Prince William Electric Cooperative in 1941; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Tri-County Electric Cooperative and Prince William Electric Cooperative united Northern Virginia's rural communities in an electric network of newfound efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the oil embargo of 1973 posed many financial challenges to Tri-County Electric Cooperative and Prince William Electric Cooperative, resulting in the consolidation of the two cooperatives to become Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, which began distributing power to approximately 38,000 customers on January 1, 1983; and

WHEREAS, today NOVEC is rated one of the top electric utilities in the United States and for eight consecutive years has been the most reliable electric utility in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, keeping power flowing 99.98 percent of the time; and

WHEREAS, NOVEC is a not-for-profit corporation that distributes electricity and energy services to approximately 140,000 customers in Loudoun, Fairfax, Fauquier, Prince William, Stafford, and Clarke counties and the City of Manassas Park, making it one of the largest electric distribution cooperatives in the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation and best wishes for continued success.

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