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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 257

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Commending the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area on the occasion of its 65th anniversary.

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WHEREAS, the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area will celebrate 65 years of exemplary and compassionate service to the citizens of the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Greene, Nelson, Fluvanna, and Louisa in 2008; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1943, the Charlottesville Chamber of Commerce established the Charlottesville and Albemarle War and Community Fund to support the war effort at home and abroad and to meet the significant needs of the community during wartime; and

WHEREAS, "It takes more than bullets" was the first campaign slogan of the Charlottesville and Albemarle Community War Fund, and the community overwhelmingly responded to the inaugural 59-day campaign by raising \$75,138 for 17 national war relief agencies, such as the USO, British War Relief, and 10 local agencies; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the organization has been committed to "making life better right here at home" and has successfully extended its aid and support beyond Charlottesville and Albemarle County to serve the Counties of Greene, Nelson, Fluvanna, and Louisa, which was reflected in the nonprofit changing its name in 1976 to the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area; and

WHEREAS, the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area has been an exceptional leader in identifying and addressing the substantial needs of the community and has helped generations of children realize their potential, has worked to strengthen families, has given the elderly and disabled dignity and hope, and has facilitated citizens' access to vital services and support; and

WHEREAS, the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area, together with Suntrust Bank, sponsors the United Way Awards of Excellence to recognize effective and inspirational nonprofit leaders and civic organizations that have shown creativity and leadership in serving local residents; and

WHEREAS, the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area and its hardworking volunteers and its generous business and diverse civic partners have devoted thousands of hours and millions of dollars to help their neighbors in need, as well as have established a rich tradition of truly caring communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area on the occasion of its 65th anniversary of outstanding service to the citizens of the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Greene, Nelson, Fluvanna, and Louisa; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the United Way Thomas Jefferson Area as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the organization for its many accomplishments and best wishes for success in meeting the challenges of the future.

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