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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 955

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*Commending Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc.*

Patrons—Cox, Janis, Jones, Massie and Rust

WHEREAS, in 2009 Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., celebrates 25 years of fighting crime; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., is an alliance of local Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers, and Crime Line programs; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers, and Crime Line programs provide an anonymous means for callers to provide information regarding crimes to police, and rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid for useful information; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers, Crime Line, and Crime Solvers programs are nonprofit organizations, relying solely on private donations to pay rewards; no government funds are used to pay rewards; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., offers annual training conferences to assist in the formation of new local programs and to provide mutual assistance to existing programs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., has grown from six programs in the greater Richmond area to over 56 programs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, of the 95 counties in Virginia, 57 are involved with a Crime Stoppers program and 12 independent cities have a Crime Stoppers program; Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers, and Crime Line programs now cover 85 percent of Virginia's population; and

WHEREAS, civilian board members, police/sheriff coordinators, and the media help Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers, and Crime Line programs provide a vital service and an opportunity for members of the public to be actively involved in helping stop crime in their own communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., 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 Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the Association's commitment to public safety.

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