

## 2009 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 955

*Commending Virginia Crime Stoppers Association, Inc.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2009  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2009

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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