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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 146

Offered January 27, 2010

*Commending the Children's Home Society of Virginia on the occasion of its 110th anniversary.*

Patron—McEachin

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Society of Virginia, with offices in Richmond and Fredericksburg, celebrates 110 years of serving the children of the Commonwealth in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Society of Virginia is a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian full-service adoption agency that serves the entire Commonwealth and whose mission is to find permanent homes for all children and to provide related counseling to birth families, adoptive families, and adoptees; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Society of Virginia began in 1899 when a group of concerned citizens, horrified by the care offered in orphanages, banded together to help abandoned and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly chartered the Children's Home Society of Virginia on January 30, 1900, with John Garland Pollard, who became the governor of Virginia in 1930, as a founding member of the organization's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, since 1900, the staff of the Children's Home Society of Virginia has worked diligently to place more than 12,500 children into adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Children's Home Society of Virginia began its signature program, Partnership for Adoptions, which works to find permanent homes for older children in the public foster care system; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Adoptions program has helped facilitate the placement of more than 350 children from foster care into adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Children's Home Society of Virginia began partnering with Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, to move children from foster care into adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Society of Virginia not only finds permanent homes for children of all ages but also offers free pregnancy counseling to women in crisis, temporary foster care to families in crisis, search and reunion services to adoptees, and a lifetime of support to adoptive and birth families; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Society of Virginia has worked for the past 110 years to provide children, from newborns to teenagers to children with special needs, with stable and supportive homes where they can be guided and instructed by loving adults; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Children's Home Society of Virginia on the occasion of its 110th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nadine Marsh-Carter, president and CEO of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect, admiration, and gratitude for the Children's Home Society of Virginia's work to find permanent, loving homes for the Commonwealth's children.

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