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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 275

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Commending Jackson-Feild Homes on the occasion of its 155th anniversary.

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WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes celebrated 155 years of exemplary service to the children and adolescents of the Commonwealth in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes was established in 1855 as the Jackson Orphan Asylum by charter of the Virginia General Assembly to serve girls left orphaned by the yellow fever epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the organization was named after the Reverend William N. Jackson, who had heroically worked through the epidemic and ultimately died of the disease himself; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Feild generously donated their ancestral home as a home for children; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, the Jackson Orphan Asylum merged with the Feild Home to become Jackson-Feild Homes; and

WHEREAS, over the past 155 years, Jackson-Feild Homes has emerged as an outstanding multiservice adolescent service organization and today provides three distinct programs on two campuses; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes has faithfully served girls in need by providing them a safe, supportive, nurturing, and caring home as well as supportive services; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes has transformed the lives of troubled girls who crave validation, support, and love at a critical time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes has served over 15,000 girls in crisis since its inception in October 1855; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes is recognized as a national leader in the field of adolescent services with national accreditation and demonstrated best practices in its program and services; and

WHEREAS, Jackson-Feild Homes has been a guiding light and source of inspiration for the development of new and emerging services for adolescents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Jackson-Feild Homes for its service to the children and adolescents of the Commonwealth on the occasion of its 155th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tricia Delano, Executive Director, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and gratitude for the services that Jackson-Feild Homes provides.

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