## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93**

Designating the first week in April, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as Local Government Education Week in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2012

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the residents of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, local governments and their employees play a vital role in the health and vitality of communities through the enforcement of state and local laws, promotion of public health and safety, provision of recreational opportunities, and education of local children; and

WHEREAS, local government officials across the Commonwealth promote civic education and engagement to help citizens better understand their local government, foster a positive sense of community, and prepare the next generation of local government managers; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a statewide week devoted to educating individuals as to the role that local government plays in their life would more effectively recognize and promote civic education within school systems and in the larger community; and

WHEREAS, the first week of April is an appropriate week to designate, as it was on April 2, 1908, that the Council-Manager form of government was created in the City of Staunton; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the first week in April, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.