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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 136

Offered January 13, 2014

Commending the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation.

Patrons—Carr; Senator: Marsh

WHEREAS, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation, a nonprofit community development organization in Richmond, celebrated its 25th anniversary on December 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation was inspired by the Reverend Dr. Stephen Parson, Sr., the pastor of the Richmond Christian Center, who believed that homeownership would be essential to the revitalization of surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation has achieved great success in its mission to help new communities thrive by providing clean, safe, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, by developing over \$40 million in high-quality housing, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation has helped over 600 individuals and families become new homeowners in the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico and the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation has also developed \$33 million worth of multi-family housing units in the City of Richmond and \$8.5 million in the County of Henrico; and

WHEREAS, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation has helped prepare over 6,500 individuals and families for the responsibilities of homeownership by providing counseling on purchasing a home, financial literacy, and foreclosure prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation plans to continue its beneficial work in 2014 by developing three new subdivisions, expanding counseling and training services, and creating business development and education tax credit programs; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2013, the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation celebrated its 25th anniversary with the "Thank You and 21st Century Vision" reception at the Virginia War Memorial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation 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 Dianna Bowser, president and chief executive officer of the Southside Community Development & Housing Corporation, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for the organization's work to strengthen communities throughout the Counties of Henrico and Chesterfield and the City of Richmond.

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