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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

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Commending the Senior Center, Inc.

Patrons—Toscano, Bell, Robert B., Fariss and Landes; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, the Senior Center, Inc., of Charlottesville, which celebrates its 54th anniversary in 2014, has received national accreditation for the third time, one of only seven senior centers in the nation to reach that milestone; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Senior Center is to positively impact the community by creating opportunities for healthy aging through social engagement, physical well-being, civic involvement, creativity, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center was accredited by the National Institute of Senior Centers and joins a select group of more than 120 senior centers that have met the accreditation standards; the center was cited for its outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services; and

WHEREAS, by offering classes, volunteer opportunities, travel programs, support groups, exercise and recreation, and many other types of opportunities to stay engaged, the Senior Center encourages its members to maintain a healthy attitude toward aging and to stay active in their personal lives and in the community; and

WHEREAS, other recognitions that the Senior Center has garnered include, in 2002, being the first senior center in the Commonwealth to receive national accreditation; the organization also won the prestigious Best Practices Award in 2008 from the Commonwealth Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Senior Center was awarded the NuStep Pinnacle Award in the senior center division, achieving recognition as one of the nation's premier providers of whole-person wellness programs; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Center, which has served thousands of people in Charlottesville and the surrounding area since its founding in 1960, receives no government funding, relying on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and foundations to support its mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Senior Center, Inc., on its 54th anniversary and for being one of only seven senior centers in the nation to receive national accreditation for the third time; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bob Tucker, president of the board of directors of the Senior Center, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for the vital service it performs to promote healthy aging for the people of Charlottesville and the Commonwealth.

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