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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 188

Offered March 3, 2014

Commending Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.

Patrons—Favola, Ebbin and Howell; Delegates: Hope, Krupicka and Lopez

WHEREAS, in 2014, Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc. celebrates 20 years of providing assistance to Northern Virginia residents in times of need at the Residential Program Center in Arlington and the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers of America Chesapeake is a faith-based nonprofit organization; its mission is to inspire self-reliance, dignity, and hope through health and human services; the Chesapeake chapter is one of 33 affiliates of the national Volunteers of America organization; and

WHEREAS, the Residential Program Center in Arlington, which opened in 1994, works with nearly 400 adults a year who are in need of substance abuse treatment; it provides support services, residential treatment options, mental health counseling, and a homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, which also opened in 1994, provides a wealth of services to more than 1,500 people annually; it has an emergency shelter, a drop-in program, permanent housing for people with serious mental illness and chronic homelessness, a safe haven program, and a hypothermia shelter during the winter; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers of America Chesapeake was founded in 1896 and is one of the oldest branches of the national organization; moving testimonials from people who have benefited from the services offered at the two sites demonstrate the vital work performed by this comprehensive human services organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc., for 20 years of dedicated service to people in need in Northern Virginia at the Residential Program Center in Arlington and the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Russell K. Snyder, president and chief executive officer of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its unwavering commitment to helping less fortunate residents of Northern Virginia aspire to a better life.

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