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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 522

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Commending the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk.

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WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk celebrates 95 years of serving and enriching the lives of the residents of the City of Norfolk in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is a nonprofit service organization dedicated to helping children and improving communities worldwide; founded by 98 charter members in 1919, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk is one of the largest chapters in the area and has maintained a diverse and active membership throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk built strong relationships with Norfolk City Union of The King's Daughters and the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters (CHKD); in 1921, the club raised thousands of dollars to build a children's clinic and later helped the clinic expand and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk's tradition of service to CHKD continues to this day; members have donated money to fund the construction of the Kiwanis Children's Emergency Room, enhancements to the Negative Pressure Room, the creation of a new room at the nearby Ronald McDonald House, and the acquisition of emergency transport vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, the hardworking volunteers of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk planned, established, and began operating Kamp Kiwanis, a fun summer camp for underprivileged children in the Little Creek area; with dentists and physicians offering free services, campers also received the gift of good health; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with another service club, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk funded the construction of the Child Study Center/Speech and Hearing Clinic on the campus of Old Dominion University and continued to support the center with financial aid for programs, equipment, and additions; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk has hosted many unique fundraising activities over the years, each designed to bring recognition to the community; the club hosts the annual Kiwanis Bowl, a series of preseason exhibition football games featuring members of the Washington Redskins, and the Kiwanis/Old Dominion Classic, a holiday basketball tournament that draws major collegiate teams and their fans to Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk has also hosted the Kiwanis Harbor Party & Seafood Feast for over 21 years; in addition to raising millions of dollars for charitable organizations, the annual celebration highlights local cuisine and supports the seafood industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk hereby be commended for its service to the community on the occasion of its 95th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Enright, president of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's many accomplishments and best wishes for the future.

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