

# 2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5006

*Commending Wesley Housing Development Corporation.*

Agreed to by the Senate, April 8, 2014

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 8, 2014

WHEREAS, Wesley Housing Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Alexandria and serving all of Northern Virginia, has improved the lives of low- and moderate-income families in Northern Virginia by helping them find suitable, affordable housing for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the housing task force of the Northern Virginia United Methodist Church Urban Consultation group reported that many low- and moderate-income families in the area were living in overcrowded and substandard housing, which directly contributed to other physical and social issues; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1974, at the recommendation of the Urban Consultation group, Wesley Housing Development Corporation was officially formed as an independent nonprofit organization under the direction of founding Executive Director Virginia Peters, with a mission to develop, own, operate, preserve, and maintain affordable housing options and strengthen local communities; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Wesley Housing Development Corporation has provided affordable housing for more than 25,000 individuals and families and developed 26 affordable communities in high-cost areas, ensuring access to job centers, public transportation, and high-quality schools; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Housing Development Corporation works to help children achieve academic success and to support adults in furthering their education and securing employment through its four Community Resource Centers; and

WHEREAS, working to support individuals with special needs and low-income seniors, Wesley Housing Development Corporation established five supportive services communities in the area; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Housing Development Corporation strives to build strong communities by not only providing housing options but also by helping people stay in their homes through a housing stability program; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Housing Development Corporation owes much of its success to the dedication of many talented volunteers and generous donations from local businesses, organizations, foundations, and residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Wesley Housing Development Corporation on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for its work in helping low- and moderate-income families avoid homelessness; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wesley Housing Development Corporation as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to bettering the lives of the people of Northern Virginia.

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