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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 484

Offered March 7, 2016

Commending the Junior League of Richmond.

Patrons—McClellan, Carr and McQuinn; Senators: Dance and McEachin

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Junior League of Richmond proudly celebrates 90 years of providing effective, trained volunteer leadership in many areas of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Richmond was founded in 1926 by 59 young women who were committed to finding workable solutions to the issues facing their community; they organized a volunteer service, concentrating their efforts on programs for children and supporting organizations in need; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Junior League of Richmond is to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women, and improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, the Junior League of Richmond has been steadfast in its commitment to help children and families; in its first year, the group founded the Memorial Child Guidance Clinic Therapeutic Workshop—the first of its kind in the nation—to provide art, music, and carpentry classes for children with behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, the Junior League of Richmond worked with the Receiving Home of the Children's Home Society, Crippled Children's Hospital, the Commission for the Blind, and other organizations; the group initiated numerous advocacy efforts on behalf of Richmond's children and also began its longstanding role in community and legislative affairs; and

WHEREAS, maternal and child health issues are central to the work of the Junior League of Richmond; at the Medical College of Virginia, now known as VCU Medical Center, the group started an Immunology Clinic and a Well-Baby Clinic and later founded the Speech Clinic and School; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Richmond has produced a television series focused on child welfare, presented forums on mental health and children's issues, published a newspaper supplement to educate the public about drug abuse, established a family crisis shelter, and initiated other advocacy programs; and

WHEREAS, literacy and education are other areas in which the Junior League of Richmond has taken an active role by promoting reading, art history programs in the Richmond Public Schools, establishing a learning disabilities council and information service, founding the Greater Richmond Child Advocacy Office, and sponsoring numerous other outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Richmond has worked to help senior citizens, founding the Senior Center of Richmond and publishing a guide to area nursing homes; promoting the arts has also been central to the work of the organization and it currently has a strong partnership with the Children's Museum of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, by continuing to provide trained volunteer leadership and support to nonprofit organizations that target the needs of children and families, the Junior League of Richmond moves forward in its vital work of helping Richmond's families grow in strength and confidence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Junior League of Richmond on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Junior League of Richmond as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for nine decades of dedicated work and inspiring volunteer leadership, helping people and organizations throughout the Richmond area.

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