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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1022

Offered February 17, 2017

Commending Goodwin House.

Patrons—Lopez, Carr and Sullivan; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Goodwin House, a mission-driven nonprofit organization in Northern Virginia, has enriched the lives of older adults and their families by providing a full continuum of care and support, from independent living through nursing care, for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Goodwin House traces its deepest roots to the 1950s, when the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia acquired a home for older adults in Richmond, and Allen Adams, a member of the home's managing committee, was inspired to create a similar home in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, built on land donated by Benjamin M. Smith, Goodwin House Alexandria opened its doors in 1967 and was one of the first purpose-built continuing care homes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the community Goodwin House opened a second location in 1987, which has become known as Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads; today, the two state-of-the-art facilities provide independence, community, and security to more than 1,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Goodwin House at Home program also offers adults the option to age in place by providing the support and benefits of a continuing care community in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes; and

WHEREAS, Goodwin House, in its continuing commitment to being a strong community partner, contributes on average over 16,000 volunteer hours and donates an in-kind value of more than \$1 million per year to other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Goodwin House earned national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission in 1992, and it is one of only 300 facilities nationwide to choose to maintain this rigorous voluntary accreditation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Goodwin House on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and the 30th anniversary of its Bailey's Crossroads location; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Goodwin House as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to excellence and care for the community.

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