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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 784
Offered January 18, 2017
Designating February 13, in 2018 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Village Day in Virginia.
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Referred to Committee on Rules
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WHEREAS, after the establishment of the Beacon Hill Village in Massachusetts in 2001, a worldwide movement to help older adults age in the place of their choosing and remain connected to their communities in Villages began to take hold throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of 2017, there are more than 200 open Villages and 150 in development across 45 states, including 18 Villages in the Commonwealth, which give older adults the tools and support they need to maintain a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Villages empower older adults through enhanced opportunities for social engagement to minimize isolation, practical support and tools for successful aging, and direct volunteer help when needed; and

WHEREAS, as grassroots organizations, Villages encourage neighbors to help neighbors and rely solely on the generosity of volunteers, giving individuals an outlet to use their time and talents to give back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2017, Dr. Atul Gawande, author of the national bestseller *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, will lead a national public forum on health and aging that will be broadcast to Villages throughout the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate February 13, in 2018 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Village Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Reston for a Lifetime, a Village in Reston, so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.