

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 784

Designating February 13, in 2018 and in each succeeding year, as Virginia Village Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2017

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; 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.

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