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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 832

Offered January 26, 2017

*Commending Sister To Sister.*

Patrons—Price, Helsel, Mullin, Ward and Yancey; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, Sister To Sister is a community service organization affiliated with Hampton University that for 25 years has fulfilled a mission of empowering school-aged African American girls to reach their potential academically, behaviorally, and socially; and

WHEREAS, Sister To Sister was founded in 1992 by Hakima Abdul Samad Muhammad and Dr. Pamela D. Hall, as a way to offer positive solutions to the daily issues inner city families face; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the community support group Black Women in Focus, Sister To Sister was created as a campus organization for women students at Hampton University, giving them a way to serve as mentors and role models to at-risk youth in the Peninsula area; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, Sister To Sister mentors have inspired millions of young women through the "Each One Teach One" motto, striving to instill the values of respect, self-worth, self-love, and self-betterment in girls ages six to 17; and

WHEREAS, one of Sister To Sister's best vehicles for outreach is the S.U.P.E.R. (Supreme, Unity, Perpetuating, Eternal, and Revolution) Saturday enrichment program, designed to address life skills, leadership, community service, civic involvement, and other social values; and

WHEREAS, the mayors of Hampton and Newport News proclaimed March 30, 2013, as Sister To Sister Day to recognize the positive influence that the organization has had on the development of the area's young women; and

WHEREAS, Sister To Sister is an excellent example of how college students can partner with local civic groups to have a profound effect on the lives of those most vulnerable and needy in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sister To Sister on 25 years of empowering and uplifting school-aged African American girls in Hampton and Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hampton University Sister To Sister as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's dedication to improving the life outlook of the girls and young women of the Peninsula.

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