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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 836

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Commending Hampton Roads Community Action Program.

Patrons—Price, Hayes, Helsel, Heretick, Hester, James, Jones, Lindsey, Mullin, Stolle, Villanueva, Ward and Yancey; Senators: Locke, Mason and Spruill

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Hampton Roads Community Action Program has engaged in relentless efforts to mobilize and coordinate community resources in order to help poor and disenfranchised citizens improve their economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP) is promoting self-sufficiency and prosperity for all residents in southeastern Virginia, waging an incessant battle in the war on poverty by helping low-income and working-poor families overcome economic setbacks; and

WHEREAS, founded as the Newport News Office of Economic Opportunity, later known as the Office of Human Affairs, and changed in 2015 to HRCAP, the organization first opened its doors in February 1966; and

WHEREAS, Norvleate Downing Gross served as the organization's first executive director, and as a result of her leadership, diligence, and tenacity, HRCAP became a beacon of social service in the community; and

WHEREAS, HRCAP serves the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth, administering programs in housing, employment, veteran support, youth development education (including Head Start), homeless and hunger prevention, and re-entry services; and

WHEREAS, Edith G. White, the longtime President/CEO of the Urban League of Hampton Roads, was hired as the new executive director of HRCAP in 2016, to begin building the organization's legacy for the next 50 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hampton Roads Community Action Program on 50 years of service helping improve communities and allowing people to prosper; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Edith G. White, executive director of Hampton Roads Community Action Program, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's tireless efforts to battle poverty and promote economic prosperity for all residents in southeastern Virginia.

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