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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 884

Offered February 6, 2017

Commending Transitions Family Violence Services.

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

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Transitions Family Violence Services, a nonprofit organization based in Hampton, has worked to build safe and healthy families in the Virginia Peninsula by providing shelter, counseling, advocacy, and education to adults and children; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1977, Transitions Family Violence Services is the sole provider of domestic violence services in Hampton, Newport News, and Poquoson and a co-provider in York County; and

WHEREAS, Transitions Family Violence Services treats domestic violence survivors with honesty, dignity, compassion, and cultural sensitivity and works to provide a safe place for survivors to set goals and determine what is best for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, Transitions Family Violence Services empowers domestic violence survivors through counseling, legal advocacy, and case management, as well as short-term and transitional housing support and self-sufficiency education to help survivors make their own healthy life choices; and

WHEREAS, building strong relationships with other local organizations and individuals, Transitions Family Violence Services offers seminars and training courses for members of the community on recognizing the warning signs of domestic violence at home and school and in the workplace and methods of prevention; and

WHEREAS, Transitions Family Violence Services takes a special interest in young people, recognizing that children who witness or experience domestic violence may experience anxiety, trauma, or other harmful effects later in life, and offers after-school programs and youth camps; and

WHEREAS, Transitions Family Violence Services has helped countless families in the Virginia Peninsula with the support of many generous donations and the dedication and hard work of local volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Transitions Family Violence Services on the occasion of its 40th anniversary in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Transitions Family Violence Services as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission to support healthy family life in the Commonwealth.

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