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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 930

Offered February 10, 2017

Commending the Henrico Police Athletic League.

Patrons—Bagby, Bourne, Farrell, Ingram, Loupassi, McQuinn and O'Bannon; Senators: Dunnavant and McClellan

WHEREAS, for 10 years, the nonprofit Henrico Police Athletic League has strengthened the Henrico County community by providing safe, high-quality educational, athletic, and social programs to at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2007, the Henrico Police Athletic League is a chapter of the National Police Athletic League and gives local youth positive alternatives to gangs, drugs, and violence while building strong relationships between law-enforcement officers and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, more than 18,000 children in kindergarten through 12th grade have participated in the Henrico Police Athletic League; the league hosts basketball and football games, chess matches, arts and dance programs, and a wide variety of other athletic and intellectual offerings; and

WHEREAS, the Henrico Police Athletic League enrolls more than 300 participants in its after-school programs, and more than 300 young people attend its eight-week summer camp each year; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Henrico Police Athletic League has provided more than 1,500 frozen turkeys and boxes of food to families in need during its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Henrico Police Athletic League earned national recognition when the National Police Athletic League Male Youth of the Year and Male Volunteer of the Year award winners were from Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, the Henrico Police Athletic League also hosts a Coat Drive to supply Henrico County students with warm coats and gloves in the winter months; in 2014 alone, the drive collected 3,000 coats and other items; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, the Henrico Police Athletic League provided brand-new bicycles to 200 local youth as holiday gifts; and

WHEREAS, the Henrico Police Athletic League has helped participants become better, more productive members of their communities, and more than 90 percent of its Youth Leadership Council Members have gone on to college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Henrico Police Athletic League for its service to young people on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Henrico Police Athletic League as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the league's efforts to give young people positive outlets for participation in the community.

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