

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 326

*Commending Phillips Programs.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Annandale-based Phillips Programs is a private, nonprofit organization that, in 2017, is celebrating 50 years of serving special needs children in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Programs is dedicated to addressing the needs of individuals with emotional and behavioral problems, and their families, through education, family support services, community education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Programs was founded in 1967 as the School for Contemporary Education by psychologist E. Larkin Phillips; five years later the program expanded to serve 150 students and became a founding member of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Phillips School now operates three special education day schools, with locations in Annandale, Fairfax, and Laurel, Maryland, that serve over 500 special needs students annually from elementary through high school grades; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Programs also operates Phillips Family Partners, which provides home and community-based counseling, behavior consultation, family support, and advocacy services, and Phillips Building Futures, an onsite building trades youth training program in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Phillips Programs has provided a place where children left behind in traditional classroom settings can get the support and education they need to become successful, responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, the staff of educators and administrators at Phillips Programs is dedicated to helping children overcome adversity, develop critical life skills, and become independent, productive young adults by providing a tailored approach to address each unique situation; and

WHEREAS, Phillips Programs has received local and national recognition for distinguished educational leadership, excellence in nonprofit management, and outstanding corporate citizenship, among other awards; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Phillips Programs hereby be commended on 50 years of serving children with emotional and behavioral problems in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Piper Phillips Caswell, president and CEO of Phillips Programs, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's steadfast dedication to improving the lives of special needs children often left behind in traditional classroom settings.

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