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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234

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Commending the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

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WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, a planning district in Northern Virginia that has brought together local governments to capitalize on opportunities and meet challenges, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1969, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) is a political subdivision within the Commonwealth that facilitates coordination among its member local governments in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the NVRC has 13 member local governments, including the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna; and

WHEREAS, comprised of one or more elected officials from each jurisdiction, the NVRC provides information, performs professional and technical services for its members, and advocates for the 2.4 million residents of Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the NVRC's programs and studies have covered a wide range of issues relating to human services, transportation, workforce development, land use, taxation, water quality, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the NVRC provides a wealth of services to Northern Virginia, including facilitating medical care for nearly 3,000 low-income persons with HIV/AIDS, compiling lists of homeless shelters and winter shelters, and arranging training seminars on everything from hazardous waste disposal to bike and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in environmental sustainability in Northern Virginia, the NVRC has promoted programs related to shoreline stabilization, watershed management, Chesapeake Bay conservation, green infrastructure, and solar energy; and

WHEREAS, other NVRC initiatives include promoting tourism to Northern Virginia, working with the private and public sectors on issues related to cyber security and workforce development, and conducting studies and implementing programs to alleviate traffic congestion in the region; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the NVRC has been a force for positive change that has brought community leaders together and has improved the quality of life of the residents of Northern Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on its service to the region on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its many accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.

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