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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 385

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Commending Hampton Roads Pride.

Patrons—Turpin, Adams, D.M., Boysko, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Jones, J.C., Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Mullin, Price, Rasoul, Roem, Sickles, Stolle and Ward; Senators: Ebbin, Lewis and Spruill

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Hampton Roads Pride has worked to support the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and to promote the inclusion, dignity, and equality of all people; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads Pride traces its roots to the founding of Our Own Community Press in the 1970s, and the organization officially began to hold summer pride festivals in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads Pride festivals have been a testament to the spirit and resiliency of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, giving members of the local community and visitors from throughout the Commonwealth an opportunity to socialize and share ideas in a supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Hampton Roads Pride experienced a renaissance when it began holding festivals in Town Point Park, an eight-acre park located in the heart of Downtown Norfolk, increasing visibility and awareness of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads Pride festivals now attract nationally acclaimed speakers and entertainers, and it is the only pride organization to host a boat parade; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings, Hampton Roads Pride has grown to offer year-round education, advocacy, and outreach programming, and it has awarded more than \$52,000 in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Hampton Roads Pride has provided a place to nurture and celebrate local LGBT organizations, institutions, and culture, while promoting the vibrant Hampton Roads community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hampton Roads Pride on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hampton Roads Pride as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission to promote inclusion and equality and build strong community partnerships.

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