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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 494

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending The Community Foundation.

Patrons—Thomas and Cole; Senators: Reeves and Stuart

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that manages and distributes charitable giving in the Fredericksburg region, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1997, The Community Foundation connects with donors, nonprofit organizations, businesses, government, community groups, individuals, and leaders to serve the current and future needs of people throughout the Counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline and the City of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation partners with generous donors to create or invest in named charitable funds within the organization; it also operates an unrestricted Community Fund to preserve and grow the vibrancy of the Rappahannock River region; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation has delivered over \$8.8 million in grants throughout its history and currently stewards 143 different funds and over \$22 million in charitable assets; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation runs several special initiatives, including a Women and Girls Fund and a Youth in Philanthropy leadership program that teaches local high school students to analyze and award impactful grants to area nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, in addition, The Community Foundation makes \$140,000 or more in scholarship funds available to area high school seniors each year; and

WHEREAS, to mark its 20th year in operation, The Community Foundation awarded four "visionary grants" of \$20,000 each to Friends of the Rappahannock, Germanna Community College, the Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic, and the Arts and Cultural Council of the Rappahannock; and

WHEREAS, through its philanthropic programs, The Community Foundation has marshaled the generosity of the Rappahannock River region and made a powerful and positive impact on the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Community Foundation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to The Community Foundation as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its dedication to charitable giving and its long-term investment in the growth of the Rappahannock River region.

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