

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Commending Eggleston Services.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Eggleston Services in Hampton Roads has provided valuable service to the community by creating education, training, and work opportunities for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eggleston Services' early roots date back to the 1950s, when a group of local parents looked to develop rewarding daytime activities for their adult children with intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy; in 1955, they formed the nonprofit Tidewater Vocational Center to provide subcontract work for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, during its first 20 years in operation, the Tidewater Vocational Center expanded its operation to include people with both intellectual and physical disabilities; participants took part in a wide range of training programs, including gardening, printing, food services, and laundry services; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Tidewater Vocational Center was renamed Eggleston Services in honor of Louise Eggleston, a volunteer and local philanthropist who donated a building to the organization; and

WHEREAS, today, Eggleston Services serves hundreds of individuals through 33 programs and 22 locations across the Tidewater Region; and

WHEREAS, Eggleston Services' employment programs allow people with disabilities to work in a variety of fields, including laundry service, mail service, food service, digital document conversion, document shredding, custodial maintenance, embroidery, retail greenhouses, and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, since the early 2000s, Eggleston Services has operated a vehicle donation program and automotive center partially staffed by people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eggleston Services' clients include private businesses as well as government organizations and armed services entities such as Langley Air Force Base, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, along with its employment programs, Eggleston Services also offers residential services for people with disabilities, day support programs, programs for seniors, and skills training for people disabled by traumatic brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, during its long and successful history, Eggleston Services has fostered empowerment, independence, and personal growth in its employment program participants and improved the quality of life of countless Virginians with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Eggleston Services hereby be commended for its many years of exemplary service to the Commonwealth and its commitment to valuing the abilities of all people; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eggleston Services as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its role in transforming the lives of Virginians with disabilities.

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