

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1056

Commending On Our Own.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, On Our Own of the Roanoke Valley, a mental health advocacy and support organization, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018; and

WHEREAS, On Our Own opened its doors on November 16, 1993, on Day Avenue in Roanoke; it is open every day of the year, including holidays, to consistently serve the community and promote mental health by providing a safe, consumer-run support system for the purpose of socialization, self-help, advocacy, recreation, and education; and

WHEREAS, On Our Own employs consumers of mental health services as staff, knowing that as they provide services and a safe haven for individuals in need of care, they enrich the lives of others and make their own lives more productive and meaningful; and

WHEREAS, On Our Own uses self-help groups such as the "Wellness Recovery Action Plan" and "Dual Recovery Anonymous" to improve the quality of care, increase socialization, and establish mutual support systems; and

WHEREAS, to that end, On Our Own's programming includes activities like Bingo, chess, card games, cook-outs, pizza parties, outdoor recreation, music appreciation, and arts and crafts to improve its users' quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend On Our Own of the Roanoke Valley, a mental health advocacy and support organization, on its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to On Our Own as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to mental health.

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