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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 698

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Commending the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia.

Patrons—Kory, Keam, Lopez and Tran; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, for more than 55 years, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has enabled generations of Northern Virginia residents to participate more fully in the community by helping them learn to speak, read, and understand English; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1962, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has become a nationally recognized leader in literacy education, known for its innovative methods and work to foster a supportive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia offers beginner classes that focus on United States history and culture, civic responsibilities, and life skills; family learning program classes to help parents and caregivers become more engaged in their children's learning process; and skills-based classes with options to focus on particular language competencies; and

WHEREAS, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia partners with employers to offer programs on industry-specific language, workplace communication, and employee advancement skills; and

WHEREAS, with its intensive curricula and wide range of support services such as tutoring and distance learning, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has helped countless students enhance their capacity to earn a living wage, care for their families, and become active, confident members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has fulfilled its mission to help non-English-speaking community members enhance their lives and better support their families through the hard work of highly trained and credentialed staff members and the generosity of many volunteer service providers; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2018, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia held its 56th Annual Recognition Ceremony to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of students, community partners, volunteers, and instructors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia for its decades of work to increase adult literacy in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's crucial contributions to the Northern Virginia community.

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