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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 738**

Offered January 22, 2019

*Commending the Local Office on Aging.*

Patrons—Rasoul; Senators: Ebbin and Edwards

WHEREAS, the Local Office on Aging has played a vital role in helping residents of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke Counties as well as the Cities of Covington, Salem, and Roanoke age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Local Office on Aging (LOA) is to foster independence and healthy aging and to improve the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services; and

WHEREAS, crucial services the LOA provides include the Adopt-a-Senior program, consumer services, in-home services, critical assistance, elder rights advice, family caregiver support, and life-enhancing activities; and

WHEREAS, LOA staff have achieved significant accomplishments in service to the elderly of the area, including facilitating the Age-Friendly Community program for the Greater Roanoke Valley, focusing on the City of Roanoke; securing and retrofitting a new corporate facility in June 2018; establishing an assisted medical transportation door-to-door program in 2016; and completing an \$80,000 Let's Do Lunch fundraiser for Meals On Wheels; and

WHEREAS, the LOA is supported by dedicated volunteers, generous community partners, and a distinguished board of directors; and

WHEREAS, LOA has received a Gold Award and a Shining Light Award from the Roanoke Valley United Way, and grants from the Foundation for Roanoke Valley, the Thomas L. Leivesley, Jr. Foundation, Kiwanis, Wells Fargo, the Glick Foundation, the Sam and Marion Golden Helping Hand Foundation, the Louise R. Lester Foundation, and the United Methodist Church Roanoke District Board of Missions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Local Office on Aging for its work of helping residents age with dignity and stay engaged in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Local Office on Aging for fostering independence and healthy aging and improving the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services.

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