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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 826

Offered February 6, 2019

*Commending the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging.*

Patrons—Gilbert; Senator: Obenshain

WHEREAS, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging provides in-home support to older residents of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, and the City of Winchester, with a variety of high-quality services that delay or prevent moves to costly long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging (SAAA) was incorporated in July 1975, and is the only comprehensive regional provider of support services that enable older persons to continue living in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, SAAA operates six senior centers and offers crucial services including information on aging, in-home services, Meals On Wheels, respite centers, transportation, long-term care, an emergency food and shelter grant program, and insurance counseling; and

WHEREAS, recent major accomplishments for the SAAA include applying for and receiving a grant to open a respite center in Page County, and increased jurisdictional funding in Shenandoah County; and

WHEREAS, the good work of SAAA has been acknowledged through numerous awards and grants, including from the Shenandoah Community Foundation, the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, and the National Lutheran Foundation, and the Subaru Share the Love grant; and

WHEREAS, SAAA has a dedicated group of key volunteers such as Skip Royston, Martha Watkins, and Diane Brecht, all of whom contribute much of their time to enhance the quality of life for seniors; the volunteer board of directors, composed of Betsy Pritchard, John Ayes, Richard Bever, Martha Watkins, Dot Pendly, Charles Thomas, Queenie Kemmer, and Joe Biggs, is key to SAAA's success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging for 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 Shenandoah Area Agency 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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