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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 943**

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*Commending the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority.*

Patrons—Price, Mullin and Yancey; Senators: Locke and Mason

WHEREAS, for 80 years, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority has worked to achieve its mission of creating affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority was one of the first such agencies formed in Virginia; it now manages and maintains a diverse public housing portfolio of 1,250 units and administers a 2,500-unit housing choice voucher program; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority carries out traditional community development activities such as rehabilitation of single family housing and assemblage of land for new residential construction; in the last 20 years, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority has been actively involved in the low income housing tax credit program as a developer and manager; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority has served as a catalyst for the construction and rehabilitation of several hundred affordable single family homes in designated community revitalization areas, and has developed and co-sponsored several subsidized multifamily complexes with over 600 units; longstanding relationships with state and federal agencies are key to the Authority's success; and

WHEREAS, to implement critical programming for residents, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority has received numerous awards of merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority on the occasion of its 80th anniversary in 2019; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's focus on providing affordable housing and independent living with dignity.

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