HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 343

Commending Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, for over 45 years, Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services is to improve the quality of life in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties by providing comprehensive services addressing behavioral health, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, and aging; and

WHEREAS, to that end, Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services offers numerous programs including the Aging Together program supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Community Partnerships for Older Adults; a regional transportation call center operated in partnership with Foothills Area Mobility System; the installation of over 400 Guardian Alert units; and a wheelchair-friendly van service; and

WHEREAS, more than 300 volunteers play a crucial role in supporting Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services by serving senior centers, assisting with Protective Money Management, and helping as medical transportation drivers; and

WHEREAS, Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services has been recognized with awards and grants from numerous organizations including the Virginia Housing Development Authority, Impact 1890, and the American Woodmark Corporation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services hereby be commended for playing a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its efforts to foster independence and healthy aging and improve the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services.