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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 426

Offered February 21, 2019

*Commending the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project.*

Patrons—Rasoul, Delaney, Keam, Landes and Ware

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, a nonprofit organization based in Roanoke, has worked to ensure that clean, safe drinking water is accessible in rural communities and has provided training and infrastructure to help those communities maintain self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP) is part of the national Rural Community Assistance Partnership and serves small towns and communities in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, SERCAP upgrades water and wastewater facilities and provides technical training for the maintenance and operation of those systems to community leaders; most SERCAP programs are led by volunteers, and the organization collaborates with local, regional, state, and national partners to better serve residents of rural areas; and

WHEREAS, SERCAP's Essential Needs and Loans program has helped residents replace wells that are no longer functioning, and its Housing Authority program has made home modifications, such as accessibility ramps, that have helped individuals keep their homeowners insurance; and

WHEREAS, SERCAP has helped numerous communities throughout the Commonwealth and the region become stronger, healthier, and more self-sufficient; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's important work to enhance the quality of life in rural areas.

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