SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 342

Commending the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2019 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens has helped residents of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties age with dignity and stay engaged in the community for nearly 45 years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC) 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 in a sustainable, livable community; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the population, AASC offers numerous services including all-inclusive care for seniors, Generations Day Care, Four County Transit, care coordination, nutrition, in-home services, an ombudsman, guardianship assistance, and emergency in-home repair; a senior living community development is another notable accomplishment of AASC; and

WHEREAS, AASC has won numerous national, state and foundation awards and grants, including a National Association of Agencies on Aging Innovation Award for Senior Living Community for intergenerational programs, and a Health Quality Innovators Population Health Award for their Bridge Program; more recognition came from the Alzheimer's Foundation, the Virginia Community Foundation, a home repairs grant from Dominion Energy, and a Meals on Wheels grant from Subaru; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens for its nearly 45 years of work to help residents age with dignity and stay engaged in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens 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.