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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 415

Offered February 14, 2019

Commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia.

Patrons—Wagner, Boysko, Dance, Ebbin, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, McClellan, Reeves and Spruill;
Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby, Brewer, Cole, Delaney, Hope, Jones, J.C., Landes, Leftwich,
Lindsey, Reid, Stolle, Sullivan, Turpin and Ware

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia has fostered youth development initiatives and provided young people in Hampton Roads with safe places in which to learn and grow for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the first Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia was established in 1919, when the Boys Club of Norfolk was founded with eight charter members and assistance from the Rotary Club of Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, over the next 60 years, several clubs affiliated with the Boys Club of Norfolk were established in the area, including the Colonial Boys Club, the W.W. Houston Memorial Club, and the Virginia Beach Boys Club; and

WHEREAS, after the Boys Clubs of America began admitting girls in 1990, the Boys Club of Norfolk changed its name to the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads in 1993; 10 years later, the organization changed its name to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia to better reflect its growing geographic service area; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia offers young people between the ages of six and 18 opportunities for recreation and companionship in a safe, fun, and affordable environment; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia has helped instill a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and hope through relationships with caring, trusted adult professionals, life-enhancing programs, and leadership development experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia fills a critical need in the community by promoting academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles and has succeeded in its mission with support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and local government in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia served nearly 2,800 members through 11 clubs on the Eastern Shore and in the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2019, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia will join with other Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the Commonwealth to commemorate Boys & Girls Club Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the clubs' legacy of service to young people.

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