

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 431

Commending the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, for 45 years, the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc., has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Peninsula Agency on Aging is to promote the maximum level of independence for persons 60 years of age and older, and to ensure that older residents of the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Williamsburg, and the counties of James City and York live as an integral part of society by providing access to programs and services that meet their needs and preferences; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the Peninsula Agency on Aging offers numerous programs; top accomplishments include providing services and support to hundreds of Peninsula seniors on a daily basis to enable them to remain in their homes with a good quality of life, and arranging for income-restricted seniors to get free legal documents, including wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives; and

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Agency on Aging is the recognized leader for senior advocacy on the Virginia Peninsula and a lead agency for a successful regional care coordination collaboration, which has been sustained for more than 20 years and has served thousands of seniors and family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Agency on Aging was a collaborating partner in the establishment of the Senior Center of York, Williamsburg Faith in Action, Historic Triangle Senior Center, and the Advanced Care Plan Coalition of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Agency on Aging has been recognized statewide and nationally as a leader in the field of aging services; the Peninsula Agency on Aging has received recognition from the National Association for Area Agencies on Aging, Healthy Quality Innovators, Norfolk Admirals, Bon Secours, and the Southern Gerontological Society; and

WHEREAS, key volunteers like Jerry Dodson, Virginia Gall, John Krulas, and Dennis and Edith Trivette play a crucial part in the Peninsula Agency on Aging's success, as does support from businesses and institutions like Williams Mullen Law Firm, Newport News Shipbuilding, Langley Air Force Base, and students from area universities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc., 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 Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William S. Massey, president and CEO of Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its efforts 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.

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