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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Offered February 5, 2019

*Commending Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.*

Patron—Lucas

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia has functioned as a regional organization in South Hampton Roads that supports and enriches the lives of older residents and their families through advocacy, education, information, and comprehensive services; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, then known as the Senior Citizens Service Center, incorporated as a nonprofit organization to serve the needs of seniors and their families and caregivers in South Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the name was changed to Southeastern Virginia Areawide Model Program; the program was designated as the Area Agency on Aging in 1973, and the name was changed to Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia provides numerous programs including advanced care planning, I-Ride Transit, in-home services, Medicare benefits counseling and information sessions, support to caregivers, wellness classes, veteran-directed care, and the establishment of the Livable Communities Initiative in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, volunteers play an important part in relaying the core values of Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, and key volunteers who received the Above and Beyond Award are Gary Zallas, for making Comfort Calls; Sharon Fraizier, a benefits counselor; Sandra Pierce, an ombudsman; Ty Anderson, an office associate; Jen VanDavier, a Meals on Wheels deliverer; and Valerie Smith, a wellness center aide; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia has won numerous national, state, regional, and local awards recognizing its essential services to the senior population, including the Senior Corps Senior Companion of the Year award and the National Association of Agencies on Aging Excellence in Leadership Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia hereby be commended for more than 50 years of serving the regions' seniors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia for supporting and enriching the lives of seniors and their families through advocacy, education, information, and comprehensive services.

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