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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 222

Offered February 11, 2020

*Commending The Woodland, Inc.*

Patrons—Edmunds; Senator: Peake

WHEREAS, The Woodland, Inc., a highly regarded assisted living facility in Farmville that has supported countless families of the Commonwealth, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, cofounder of The Woodland, Inc., Dr. Ray Moore, was inspired to start an assisted living facility after difficulties finding suitable care for his aging mother in the area; and

WHEREAS, after researching facilities in North Carolina, and in collaboration with local businessmen, including banker John Varner, The Woodland, then called the Southside Community Nursing Home, opened its doors to its inaugural residents on March 16, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the first facility at The Woodlands, Holly Manor, initially housed only 60 beds and quickly reached capacity, necessitating the creation of a second wing four years later that doubled the facility's capacity; and

WHEREAS, since these humble beginnings, The Woodland has developed new facilities, including Brookview and The Courts, that diversify the levels of senior care the organization is able to provide, from independent living communities to assisted living arrangements, to full-time skilled nursing support and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, setting industry standards while continuing to grow over the years, The Woodland now occupies almost 30 acres in Farmville and is the second largest private sector employer in the region; and

WHEREAS, holding true to the spirit of community that encouraged its creation a half-century ago, The Woodland has built an unparalleled reputation for excellence that makes it a leading choice for families in the region seeking care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend The Woodland, Inc., a senior community serving the families of Farmville and Central Virginia with great compassion and dedication, on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Greg Cole, president and chief executive officer of The Woodland, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the organization's contributions to Farmville and the Commonwealth.

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