

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 494

Commending ARCH Roanoke.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

WHEREAS, ARCH Roanoke, a collaboration between the nonprofit organizations Bethany Hall and Trust House, provides exceptional care to vulnerable members of the Roanoke community; and

WHEREAS, ARCH Roanoke benefits from a century of collective experience between Bethany Hall and Trust House, both of which were established in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Hall, which provides residential substance abuse treatment for ARCH Roanoke, was originally established to help women with alcohol addiction and utilizes a therapeutic approach to help participants accept responsibility, plan recovery goals, and develop a positive value system; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Hall is one of only three such facilities in the Commonwealth that allow infants to remain with their mother during treatment, leading to improved recovery outcomes for participants and positive behavioral development for their children; and

WHEREAS, Trust House, established by students and faculty at Hollins College, has evolved into a 27-bed shelter for individuals and families and offers extensive case management services to help ensure that homelessness is brief and nonrecurring for program participants; and

WHEREAS, ARCH Roanoke provides housing stability for people who have recently transitioned out of homelessness through its New Beginnings program, which makes regular home visits and referrals to outside resources for up to 12 months after leaving the shelter; and

WHEREAS, in addition, ARCH Roanoke provides vouchers for chronically homeless veterans through its Heroes Haven program and for chronically homeless individuals with disabilities through the Healing Haven program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend ARCH Roanoke, a successful partnership between Bethany Hall and Trust House that provides safety, support, and opportunities for recovery to members of the Roanoke community in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to ARCH Roanoke as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's work to end the cycle of homelessness.

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