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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 621

Offered January 22, 2021

Commending Colonial Behavioral Health.

Patrons—Batten and Mullin; Senators: Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, created in 1971 by the General Assembly of Virginia, the city councils of Williamsburg and Poquoson, and the boards of supervisors of James City and York Counties, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided a broad array of community-based services to citizens of the upper Peninsula who are affected by mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, operating at the local level and held accountable to local government, Colonial Behavioral Health is uniquely qualified to provide rapid, flexible, and accessible services to its consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Region 5, recognized by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided essential services to persons in need of both acute and long-term services; and

WHEREAS, programs of Colonial Behavioral Health have directly enhanced and improved the quality of life on the upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, by working in partnership with consumers, family members, advocates, and other local service agencies, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided vital support to those citizens who are least able to care for themselves and enable them to become active, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, many dedicated citizen volunteers have represented the Cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson and the Counties of James City and York as members of the Board of Directors of Colonial Behavioral Health, ensuring that the organization remains deeply engaged with these communities and continues to provide high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Behavioral Health has demonstrated its commitment to excellence by establishing a dynamic, innovative, and visionary service delivery system in partnership with consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the staff members of Colonial Behavioral Health have worked to create several model programs, including the Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center, Connections, People's Place, Intensive In-Home Services, Colonial Area Crisis Intervention Team, and Opportunities Unlimited, which have gained statewide recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Colonial Behavioral Health for 50 years of exemplary service to the citizens of the upper Peninsula; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Alfred Brassel, Jr., chair of the Board of Directors of Colonial Behavioral Health, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's 50 years of fine work and dedication to the betterment of the Commonwealth.

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