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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 282

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Commending the Crater Planning District Commission.

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WHEREAS, the Crater Planning District Commission, a regional planning agency that coordinates a variety of public policy and development issues among 11 localities in the Commonwealth, marked its 50th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Crater Planning District Commission was formed in May 1970, pursuant to the Virginia Area Development Act, with nine member localities: the Cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell, and Petersburg and the Counties of Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex; today, it encompasses 11 localities, having added Chesterfield County in 1985 and Charles City County in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Crater Planning District Commission's purpose, as stated in its charter, is to "promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the Planning District by planning, and encouraging and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan, for the future"; and

WHEREAS, the Crater Planning District Commission's regional priorities have centered on economic and small business development, transportation, the environment, support for its military installations, providing local technical support to its member localities, and fostering regional conversation and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Crater Planning District Commission takes great pride in its history of accomplishments, while recognizing the importance of looking forward to the challenges of the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Crater Planning District Commission, a regional planning agency coordinating public policy and development issues among 11 localities in the Commonwealth, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alec Brebner, executive director of the Crater Planning District Commission, as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for the accomplishments and partnerships the organization has built over the past 50 years and the enduring foundation it has created for new achievements and alliances in the future.

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