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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 692

Offered February 15, 2023

*Commending Chapter 7 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.*

Patrons—Hope, Bennett-Parker, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, for 75 years, Chapter 7 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association has worked to preserve and enhance the earned benefits of federal workers, retirees, and surviving spouses; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1921, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is a national, nonprofit organization headquartered in Alexandria; there are more than 800 local chapters nationwide, including 38 in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, NARFE Chapter 7 was established in Arlington on November 25, 1947, in response to growing membership in the region after the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, at its monthly open meetings, NARFE Chapter 7 has hosted a wide variety of speakers from civic, educational, and philanthropic organizations, as well as provided a venue for local and state elected officials to engage with members of the public; and

WHEREAS, as a long-standing member of the Arlington County Civic Federation, NARFE Chapter 7 serves as a gateway to participation in civic affairs for the sizable community of federal employees and retirees living in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the advanced age of a significant portion of its membership, NARFE Chapter 7 has maintained an open channel of communication with Arlington's Commission on Aging in order to ensure its members are able to fully participate in community life; and

WHEREAS, along with its fellow Virginia-based chapters, NARFE Chapter 7 has helped to make the Commonwealth the leading contributor within NARFE for funding research sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, with cumulative contributions since 1983 exceeding \$15 million; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chapter 7 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chapter 7 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its service to federal employees in the Commonwealth and commitment to community outreach.

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