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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 262**

Offered January 19, 2023

*Commending Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area.*

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WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area works diligently to help individuals in Winchester and the surrounding region participate more fully in society by enhancing their language and literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area provides one-on-one and small group tutoring for adults in English language skills for English Language Learners, computer skills, financial literacy, workplace literacy, citizenship test preparation, and basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area has helped more than 529 adult students representing 54 countries gain the skills they need to participate more fully in the community and become successful lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area also leads the Winchester Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; a local affiliate of a national organization, the Winchester Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a collaborative effort of local nonprofits, businesses, and community service organizations that strives to ensure that children in low-income families succeed in school and are better prepared for higher education, careers, and active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area is a managing partner of Winchester Little Libraries, small community libraries where anyone can take or leave a book; a local affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which mails books to registered children under five years of age every month; and a partner of Just Neighbors, an organization that offers low-cost, family-based immigration legal services; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area fulfills its mission through the hard work and dedication of more than 180 qualified tutors and generous support from community partners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area hereby be commended for its work to enhance the quality of life in the Winchester region through education and advocacy; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's achievements in service to the members of the Winchester community.

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