## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 326**

Commending Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency (CVCAA), located in North Tazewell, has been in existence since 1965, starting as the Tazewell Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, CVCAA became one of the first agencies in the nation to receive a grant for the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA serves senior citizens age 55 and over in the Counties of Buchanan, Russell, and Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA has volunteers who focus on independent living, helping people stay in their homes by assisting with household needs and projects, offering transportation to and from needed appointments, and bringing in meals regularly; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA has volunteers in eight community food pantries, thereby addressing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA has volunteers who aid in capacity building and fundraising in five community organizations, including two food pantries and one library; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA currently has 256 active volunteers, including 27 veterans, who contribute over \$2 million worth of volunteer service annually; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA currently has 11 volunteers who have been serving for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at CVCAA has made a positive difference in the communities it supports and in the lives of the senior volunteers serving in the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency hereby be commended for its 50 years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Americorps Seniors RSVP Senior Volunteer Program at the Clinch Valley Community Action Agency as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for the organization's incredible work helping those in the Counties of Buchanan, Russell, and Tazewell and best wishes for its continued success.