

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 431

*Commending Homeward.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, for 25 years, Homeward has worked to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness in Richmond through innovative programs and collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Homeward was created in 1998 by a diverse group of community stakeholders in the Richmond region who were interested in understanding and addressing the crisis of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Homeward talks directly to people experiencing homelessness about their needs to inform its analysis and recommendations and produces materials for community partners to use in their communications, reporting, presentations, and various needs; and

WHEREAS, Homeward empowers more than 35 community partners in the Richmond region to collaborate strategically, integrate with other systems, and maximize limited resources to address homelessness so that this coordinated and compassionate system of homelessness service providers can meet the needs of more vulnerable individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, Homeward engages with both public and private sector partners to ensure that data on homelessness is actionable, to deliver demonstrated solutions, and to support proven programs to ensure that all residents in the Greater Richmond Region have a safe place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Homeward will commemorate its 25th anniversary with collaborative learning opportunities and special events throughout 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Homeward hereby be commended on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kelly King Horne, executive director of Homeward, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for Homeward's significant contributions to reducing homelessness in the Richmond region.

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