

1995 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 725

Commending Sylvia F. Zucker.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 1995
Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 1995

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1994, Sylvia F. Zucker retired, following 33 years of exemplary service to the Association for Retarded Citizens of the Peninsula, the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Foundation, and the citizens of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, hired in 1961 as executive director of the Peninsula Association for Retarded Children, Sylvia Zucker took over a small, struggling operation and saw it grow into a successful program that today operates six group homes, serves 300 people with disabilities in employment programs, and serves nearly 500 infants annually; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Sylvia Zucker has led to the establishment and expansion of special education programs in Virginia, the growth of quality work training programs, the creation of dignified jobs for people with mental retardation, and the establishment of specialized Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Zucker has also been instrumental in the development of a summer day camp, a nationally recognized therapeutic recreation program and the establishment of the first four group homes on the Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to the tireless efforts of Sylvia Zucker, the Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center—a 40-acre complex that includes three group homes, an industrial work facility, a service station, and a recreational area—was established; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in Virginia and the nation in providing services for people with developmental disabilities, Sylvia Zucker is nationally recognized for her innovative and effective programs; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for the rights of the mentally retarded, Sylvia Zucker fought throughout her career to ensure that people with mental retardation would have the opportunity to live, work, and play as equal citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Sylvia F. Zucker on the completion of a career of singular dedication and effectiveness; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sylvia F. Zucker as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her numerous achievements and best wishes for a fulfilling and well-earned retirement.

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