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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 407

Offered February 18, 1997

Commending Virginia S. Peters.

Patrons—Ticer, Colgan, Gartlan, Howell, Saslaw, Whipple and Woods; Delegates: Albo, Brickley, Callahan, Darner, Dillard, Hull, Keating, Moran, Plum, Puller, Rust, Scott, Van Landingham and Watts

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the Wesley Housing Development Corporation of Northern Virginia was chartered as a nonprofit corporation in 1974 to meet the housing needs of low- and moderate-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, as one of the founders of the organization and its only executive director, Virginia S. Peters has played a major role in the growth of the Wesley Housing Development Corporation into one of the leading affordable housing agencies in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Greensboro College in North Carolina and a former elementary school teacher in New Jersey and Arlington, Virginia Peters has led the Wesley Housing Development Corporation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Virginia Peters, the corporation solicited volunteers and contributions and established the partnerships and relationships with businesses that have allowed it to build, maintain, and manage hundreds of homes for Northern Virginia residents; and

WHEREAS, with a current portfolio of over 1,000 residences, including apartments, townhouses, and single family houses, the Wesley Housing Development Corporation is a leader in providing affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Peters has served Northern Virginia on a wide range of civic organizations, including the Fairfax County Affordable Dwelling Limit Advisory Board, the Washington Area Housing Partnership Board of Directors, and the Northern Virginia Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, for her exceptional achievements, Virginia Peters has been recognized as Bridge Builder of the Year by the United Methodist Virginia Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, was the first recipient of the Alumni Excellence Award for humanitarian service from the Greensboro College Alumni Association, and was given the Church and Society Award by the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Peters will shortly retire as executive director of the Wesley Housing Development Corporation, thus ending a career of exemplary service and leadership in providing and maintaining decent, affordable housing to the citizens of Northern Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Virginia S. Peters for her extraordinary commitment to meeting the affordable housing needs of Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Virginia S. Peters as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her manifold accomplishments on behalf of the citizens of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth.

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