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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 418

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Commending Colonial Behavioral Health.

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WHEREAS, created in 1971 by action of the General Assembly and by resolution of the City Councils of Williamsburg and Poquoson and the Boards of Supervisors of James City and York Counties, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided a broad array of community-based services to citizens of the upper Peninsula who are affected by mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, operating on a local level and being accountable to local government, Colonial Behavioral Health is uniquely qualified to provide rapid, flexible, and accessible services to its consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Health Planning Region V Leadership Team, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided vital services to persons in need of both acute and long-term services; and

WHEREAS, directly and contractually operated programs of Colonial Behavioral Health have contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life on the upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, by working in partnership with consumers, family members, advocates, and other local service agencies, Colonial Behavioral Health has provided assistance to those citizens least able to care for themselves to enable them to become vital, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, many dedicated citizen volunteers have represented the Cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson and the Counties of James City and York on the board of directors of the Colonial Behavioral Health, which has built an enviable record of providing high-quality services to the citizens of these communities; and

WHEREAS, Colonial Behavioral Health has demonstrated its commitment to excellence by establishing a dynamic, innovative, and visionary service delivery system in partnership with consumers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Colonial Behavioral Health has worked to create model programs, such as integrating primary health care with behavioral health services, Connections, Project H.O.P.E., People's Place, Intensive In-Home Services, and Opportunities Unlimited, which have gained statewide recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Colonial Behavioral Health for 40 years of exemplary service to the citizens of the upper Peninsula; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John McDonald, chair of the board of directors of Colonial Behavioral Health, as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for the organization's 40 years of fine work and dedication to the betterment of the lives of the citizens of Virginia.

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