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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 347

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Commending ChildSavers-Memorial Child Guidance Clinic.

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WHEREAS, ChildSavers-Memorial Child Guidance Clinic, a source of hope for children in the greater Richmond area, will proudly celebrate its 90th anniversary in August 2014; and

WHEREAS, ChildSavers, then known as the Children's Memorial Clinic, was established in memory of Dr. McGuire Newton, one of Richmond's first pediatricians, on August 7, 1924; and

WHEREAS, one of the first 10 child guidance clinics in the United States, ChildSavers was the first clinic of its kind in the South; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, ChildSavers added a child development services department to train and equip child care providers, parents, and the community to better care for young children; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2004, ChildSavers has the only trauma response program in the Commonwealth devoted to immediate response and trauma counseling services for children exposed to trauma; and

WHEREAS, believing all children have the right to be safe, healthy, happy, and ready to learn, ChildSavers provides trauma response, mental health counseling, and early childhood development services so that children have a chance to thrive and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, through its philosophy of preventing developmental problems to the greatest extent possible and intervening to help reverse them when necessary, ChildSavers serves thousands of children and teens, their families, and caregivers each year, regardless of a family's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, in program year 2013, ChildSavers provided mental health counseling to 408 children in its guidance clinic; served 424 children through its trauma response program; and mentored and trained child care professionals through its child development services program, improving the quality of care and learning in preschool for 1,658 children 0 - 5 years old; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend ChildSavers-Memorial Child Guidance Clinic on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to L. Robert Bolling, chief executive officer of ChildSavers-Memorial Child Guidance Clinic, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for its commitment to the greater Richmond Metropolitan Area.

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