## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 753**

Commending Women Giving Back.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, for 10 years, Women Giving Back has helped transitionally homeless women and children build the confidence they need to achieve success in school and in the workplace by providing high-quality clothing and accessories; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2007 by a group of sales and marketing professionals in the Sterling area, Women Giving Back supplements the work of HomeAid Northern Virginia and partners with dozens of

community care providers; and

WHEREAS, Women Giving Back collects high-quality, used clothing and accessories for women, teens, children, and infants and operates a store on the second Saturday of each month, where women from more than 100 shelters and programs are able to shop for themselves and their families free of charge; and

WHEREAS, many women and families arrive at shelters with only the clothes on their backs, and Women Giving Back has helped women in a wide variety of career fields find the professional clothing

they need to begin rebuilding their lives and boost their self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Women Giving Back has distributed more than 300,000 items of clothing to more than 23,000 women and 15,300 children; it has succeeded in its mission with the help and hard work of volunteers and countless generous donations of clothing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Women Giving Back on the occasion of its 10th anniversary of helping women and children in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Women Giving Back as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's generous contributions to the members of the Sterling community.