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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 885

Offered February 6, 2017

Commending Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula.

Patrons—Price, Helsel, Hodges, Mullin, Pogge, Ward and Yancey; Senators: Lewis, Locke, Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, for 70 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula has provided boys and girls in the Counties of Gloucester, Mathews, and York and the Cities of Newport News, Hampton, and Williamsburg with safe places to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula traces its roots to 1946 when the Boys Club of Newport News was established to give local youth an outlet for positive activities and provide much-needed mentorship and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Boys Club of Newport News changed its name to the Boys Club of the Virginia Peninsula after it opened a new facility in 1958, and the organization first began serving girls in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula has 13 locations, ensuring that youth in many different communities have easy access to the organization's valuable programs; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula serves nearly 6,000 boys and girls annually through programs led by adult mentors that are organized into five core categories—education and career, character and leadership, the arts, healthy lifestyles, and sports, recreation, and fitness; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula programs provide boys and girls time to complete school work and opportunities to work with tutors, workforce development training for teens, opportunities for community service and mentorship, advice on healthy nutrition and positive recreational activities, and arts, crafts, music, and dance workshops; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula has succeeded in its mission to inspire young people to be good citizens and leaders in their communities with the help of many generous donations and the hard work of countless dedicated volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula on the occasion of its 70th anniversary in 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's noble mission to help young people throughout the Virginia Peninsula reach their fullest potential.

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