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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 935

Offered February 13, 2017

*Commending the Nottoway County Literacy Program.*Patron—Wright

WHEREAS, the Nottoway County Literacy Program has provided free, one-on-one tutoring to help low-literacy adults and non-English speakers succeed in academics and their careers and become more productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nottoway County Literacy Program was established in the fall of 1987 as a result of a statewide literacy initiative by then First Lady Jeannie P. Baliles and Mark Emblidge of the Virginia Literacy Foundation; and

WHEREAS, with the help of Martha Hall of Longwood College, now Longwood University, and Anne Paige Hurt, the Nottoway County librarian, the Nottoway County Literacy Board was formed, with Ruth Walker as its first director; and

WHEREAS, the Nottoway County Literacy Program provides free, confidential tutoring on pre-GED preparation, English as a Second Language classes, citizenship classes, computer literacy, driver's license and commercial driver's license preparation, or literacy related to everyday tasks, such as writing a check or reading prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the Nottoway County Literacy Program has been ably led by Mary Crank, John Witt, the Reverend James Pittman, Joe Duarte, Robin Sapp, and Sally Crager; the program also maintains a proud tradition of cooperation with local partners to provide efficient and effective services; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the Nottoway County Literacy Program has trained more than 140 volunteer tutors, who have strengthened the community by donating more than 13,600 hours of service to help 170 adult learners; and

WHEREAS, the Nottoway County Literacy Program will commemorate its 30th anniversary on September 28, 2017, during National Literacy Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Nottoway County Literacy Program on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sally Crager, director of the Nottoway County Literacy Program, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the program's work to promote and foster adult literacy in Nottoway County.

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