

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 497

*Commending the Central Rappahannock Regional Library.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg earned its fourth-consecutive 4-Star Library rating from *Library Journal*; and

WHEREAS, tracing its roots to the opening of the Wallace Library in Fredericksburg in 1910, the Central Rappahannock Regional Library was established in 1969 as a model to demonstrate the benefits of a regional public library system and has served the community since that time; and

WHEREAS, today, Central Rappahannock Regional Library offers a wide array of books, magazines, and other publications, digital resources, and services and programs for children, teenagers, and adults at its branch locations throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, out of more than 7,000 qualifying libraries in the United States, only 259 received a star rating from *Library Journal* in 2017; Central Rappahannock Regional Library was one of only three libraries in the Commonwealth to achieve the high honor of any star rating; and

WHEREAS, *Library Journal* bases its ratings on physical materials circulation, electronic circulation, branch visits, program attendance, and public computer usage, with Central Rappahannock Regional Library meeting all criteria; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Central Rappahannock Regional Library on receiving the prestigious 4-Star Library rating from *Library Journal* in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Central Rappahannock Regional Library as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its work to promote reading and learning throughout the community.

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