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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

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*Commending VersAbility Resources.*

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WHEREAS, in 2018, VersAbility Resources celebrates 65 years of admirable service to people with developmental and other disabilities in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization founded in Hampton in 1953 as the Peninsula ARC and later known as The Arc of the Virginia Peninsula, VersAbility Resources has remained steadfastly dedicated to its mission of supporting people with disabilities as they lead productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources currently serves 1,600 people annually in early childhood, day support, community living, and four employment programs in Hampton Roads, the Middle Peninsula, the Northern Neck, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources now employs over 800 people with an annual budget of \$44 million; it is both a trusted and valued service provider and a major business and employer in the Commonwealth, across the country, and as far away as Guam; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources provides early intervention services to more than 870 infants and toddlers with disabilities in Virginia every year; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources owns and operates 10 homes in Hampton, Newport News, and Yorktown, where 47 people with significant disabilities live and receive the highest standards of care; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources delivers day support services to more than 120 Virginians with disabilities, helping them learn, grow, and remain engaged in community activities; and

WHEREAS, for six and a half decades, VersAbility Resources has cultivated diverse employment programs for people with disabilities that provide them with the dignity of work and an array of options to preserve employment choice; and

WHEREAS, VersAbility Resources is a dynamic, innovative industry leader, committed to developing programs that meet the changing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That VersAbility Resources, an asset to the disability community and the entire Commonwealth, hereby be commended on the occasion of its 65th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kasia Grzelkowski, president and chief executive officer of VersAbility Resources, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's sincere appreciation for VersAbility's steadfast efforts to improve the lives of citizens with disabilities.

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