

## 2019 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

*Commending the District Three Governmental Cooperative.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, the District Three Governmental Cooperative has played a vital role in helping residents of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe Counties, and the Cities of Bristol and Galax, age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the District Three Governmental Cooperative as its Area Agency on Aging is to help meet the critical needs and enhance the quality of life for the elderly, disabled, and transportation-dependent residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, working toward better health, crucial services that the District Three Governmental Cooperative provides include a farmers market serving more than 3,850 seniors annually, a successful chronic disease self-management program with links to area correctional facilities, a chronic pain self-management program using the Stanford University Model, and certified Affordable Care Act Marketplace application counseling; and

WHEREAS, to assist with mobility, the District Three Governmental Cooperative's Chore Crew builds hundreds of home access ramps each year with a unique design that is reusable when the ramp is no longer needed; the Mountain Lynx Transit service also offers nonemergency medical trips for seniors; and

WHEREAS, the District Three Governmental Cooperative's crucial services have been supported with grants from the National Council on Aging and the Department of Criminal Justice System's Victims of Crime Fund for care coordination for victims of abuse in later life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That District Three Governmental Cooperative hereby be commended for its work of helping residents age with dignity and stay engaged in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the District Three Governmental Cooperative as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the agency's work fostering independence and healthy aging and improving the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services.

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