

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

Commending the Village Initiative.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative, a local nonprofit that promotes unity and inclusion in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, has hosted numerous forums benefiting the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative forums have included discussions on many important topics and themes relevant to residents, such as the recent forum "Integration Then and Now: Voices from the Community," which marked the 50th anniversary of school integration in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative has worked for years to break down structural barriers and encourage minority students to succeed both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, members of the Village Initiative and the community recently participated in a national walk with activist Opal Lee to raise awareness of Juneteenth and to advocate for the day to be a nationally observed holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved peoples in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative operates a tutoring program in local preschools and elementary and middle schools and is currently initiating its African American Culture Club to promote education in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Initiative is tirelessly dedicated to a range of efforts addressing these pressing issues, making Williamsburg and James City County more welcoming and inclusive places for all residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Village Initiative, a nonprofit furthering unity and inclusion in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, for its many impactful endeavors in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Village Initiative as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's mission and best wishes for its continued success.

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