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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

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*Recognizing the Roanoke and New River Valleys as Virginia's Mental Health Region.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Commonwealth's system of public and private behavioral health services has faced many challenges and has undergone a great deal of growth and many changes; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke and New River Valleys have been leaders in the planning, development, and implementation of a modernized behavioral health system marked by strong regional partnerships between public and private entities, cutting-edge research, and innovative development and implementation of services; and

WHEREAS, key partners in the Roanoke and New River Valleys include Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Carilion Health System, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Catawba Hospital, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, and New River Valley Community Services; and

WHEREAS, continued cooperation among these important partners and innovation in the planning, development, and implementation of behavioral health services is key to continued excellence in the delivery of behavioral health services in the Roanoke and New River Valleys; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Roanoke and New River Valleys be recognized as Virginia's Mental Health Region; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and the Executive Director of New River Valley Community Services, requesting that the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare and Executive Director of New River Valley Community Services further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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