

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 738

Commending the McShin Foundation.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 3, 2021

WHEREAS, the McShin Foundation, a recovery community organization providing individuals in the Richmond area with peer-based recovery support services, has been an invaluable resource to many for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a service gap in their community, John Shinholser and Carol McDaid founded the McShin Foundation in 2004 to help individuals seeking treatment for substance abuse disorders have greater access to the care and resources they need; and

WHEREAS, based on the model of a recovery community organization (RCO), the McShin Foundation originally operated out of two offices in the basement of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the McShin Foundation has grown over the years and, today, oversees 10 recovery residences, various recovery programs, and a 15,000-square-foot recovery community center that is open 365 days per year; and

WHEREAS, the McShin Foundation's 10 recovery residences, which offer a total of more than 100 beds, have been certified by both the Virginia Association of Recovery Residences and the National Alliance for Recovery Residences; and

WHEREAS, the McShin Foundation prioritizes care for three particular groups: those who are reentering society after time spent in prison or an institution, those who are resistant to traditional treatment services and have a history of relapse, and those seeking continued care after completing a treatment center program; and

WHEREAS, as one of the Commonwealth's leading RCOs specializing in peer-to-peer recovery support services, the McShin Foundation exemplifies an emerging trend in the field of addiction treatment, in which community support plays a vital role in an individual's path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the success of the McShin Foundation is the result of the inspired vision of its founders, the steadfast dedication of its members, and the heartfelt support of the wider Richmond community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the McShin Foundation, a recovery community organization based in Richmond, hereby be commended for helping countless individuals lead healthy and fulfilling lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John Shinholser and Carol McDaid, founders of the McShin Foundation, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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