

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 778

Commending the Hampton Roads Chess Association.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Chess Association, a charitable nonprofit organization with a mission to bring the benefits of chess to people of all ages and abilities in the region, has greatly served the Hampton Roads community through various programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Chess Association (HRCA) is composed of two main clubs, the Hampton Roads Scholastic Chess Club, which was founded in 2014 and caters to players from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, and the Hampton Roads Chess Club, which supports activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the communities served by the HRCA include youth and adult competitive chess players, schools, at-risk youth, people with disabilities, the elderly, veterans, and scouts; and

WHEREAS, in support of the well-being of elderly members of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, the HRCA established its "Zoom Chess Pals for Seniors" program, which matched senior citizens with high school student-volunteers for virtual chess matches; and

WHEREAS, the HRCA deftly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by shifting its entire operation, including tournaments, lessons, and its Seven Cities Championship, online; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its accomplishments promoting chess in the Hampton Roads Region, the HRCA was named the Chess Club of the Year by the United States Chess Federation in 2017; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication of its staff and the tireless efforts of its volunteers, the HRCA has helped make the Hampton Roads Region a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Hampton Roads Chess Association hereby be commended for its service to 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 Hampton Roads Chess Association as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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