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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

Offered February 14, 2022

Commending the Endependence Center, Inc.

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Patrons—Clark, Hayes, Hope, Keam, Maldonado, Mundon King, Rasoul, Reid and Simonds

WHEREAS, the Endependence Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization in Norfolk dedicated to providing disability advocacy and services to individuals and families in South Hampton Roads, has greatly served the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Endependence Center is to support individuals with disabilities by furnishing direct services that enable them to enjoy greater independence and integration into the community and by advocating on their behalf to foster greater awareness in the community of the issues they face and the programs and services that can help; and

WHEREAS, the Endependence Center offers a variety of independent living services, including professional training, housing, transportation, benefits counseling, peer mentoring, and more, which are catered to the unique needs of each individual the organization serves; and

WHEREAS, since it was founded, the Endependence Center has allowed thousands of individuals with disabilities to have better access to opportunities and experiences in the community and to achieve their personal goals; and

WHEREAS, by both preparing individuals with disabilities to live in the community and encouraging the community to support them, the Endependence Center has made South Hampton Roads a more welcoming and nurturing home for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Endependence Center, Inc., a nonprofit Center for Independent Living in Norfolk, hereby be commended for its years of meritorious service in the interest of integrating individuals with disabilities into the South Hampton Roads community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Wang, president of the Endependence Center, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission and its contributions to the Commonwealth.