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Commending the Wildlife Center of Virginia.

Patrons—Runion, Kory, Campbell, E. H., Cherry and Orrock; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, for four decades, the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro has provided high-quality health care services, including emergency procedures, to native wildlife, building a reputation for excellence and expertise in the field; and

WHEREAS, established in 1982, the Wildlife Center of Virginia has become the world's leading teaching and research hospital for wildlife conservation medicine; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the Wildlife Center of Virginia has treated nearly 100,000 patients, representing more than 350 species of native mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Center of Virginia has shared valuable lessons learned from its cases with millions of students and wildlife medical professionals throughout the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Center of Virginia has educated countless veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and volunteer wildlife rehabilitators through its cutting-edge training programs, including electronic courses; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Center of Virginia is equipped with a veterinary clinic, diagnostics laboratory, operating suite, radiology room, and a wide range of outdoor enclosures for recovering patients and non-releasable animals; the center plans to significantly expand its facility to better serve wildlife in need; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Center of Virginia produced, in partnership with Virginia Public Media, the television series *Untamed*, which previously won three Telly Awards and was nominated for a regional Emmy Award; and

WHEREAS, among many national and international accolades, the Wildlife Center of Virginia was selected as the 2007 Conservation Organization of the Year and received the National Conservation Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Wildlife Center of Virginia on the occasion of its 40th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Wildlife Center of Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the center's legacy of contributions to conservation medicine.

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