

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 648

Commending Carpenter's Shelter.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2023
Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter, a noble and distinguished organization providing shelter and the widest array of services to unhoused families, single women, and single men in the Alexandria community, is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter activates 1,200 volunteers each year to work directly in various aspects of sheltering and rehousing people that are homeless; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter began in a church basement and relocated sequentially to two consecutive warehouses, a decommissioned Department of Motor Vehicles building, and a defunct shopping center before finally coming home to a purpose-built shelter on the north end of Old Town Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter, through the hard work and dedication of its passionate staff, offers customized supports to meet the individual needs of those it serves; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter operates a year-round emergency shelter, a day shelter for people who are chronically homeless, a hypothermia shelter, a rapid rehousing program, a medical clinic, and other supports to help people move toward regaining permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter's Shelter raises the majority of the annual revenue it needs to maintain its operations from sources other than the government and considers itself an expression of the community's generosity; and

WHEREAS, in the future that Carpenter's Shelter envisions and works toward, homelessness in the Alexandria community is rare, brief, and nonrecurring; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carpenter's Shelter on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shannon Steene, executive director of Carpenter's Shelter, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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