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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

Commending the Newport News Green Foundation.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, the Newport News Green Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Newport News by preserving, transforming, and promoting green spaces throughout the city, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the impact of urban development on the appearance of Newport News, the Newport News City Council established the Newport News Green Foundation in June 1998; and

WHEREAS, five months later, the Newport News Green Foundation became an independently chartered nonprofit charitable organization; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Green Foundation acquired its first property in April 2001 and has since that time preserved more than 50 acres of land in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Green Foundation has begun to expand its mission beyond preservation to include improving public access to the extraordinary green spaces and natural beauty that Newport News has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Green Foundation's more prominent initiatives in the community include the development of Chatham Trail, the restoration of the Hilton Ravine, and the establishment of the Virginia Peninsula's first food forest; and

WHEREAS, the Newport News Green Foundation has cultivated successful and strategic partnerships with various like-minded organizations and institutions to achieve its goals and to support projects that complement its mission; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the natural beauty of Newport News and fostering connections across the community, the Newport News Green Foundation has contributed greatly to the well-being of countless individuals and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Newport News Green Foundation hereby be commended on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Newport News Green Foundation as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's history and legacy of service.