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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 678

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Commending Virginia's local governments for their recycling efforts.

Patrons—Lovelace, Almand, Hull, Keating, Moran, Plum, Puller, Spruill and Tate

WHEREAS, the 1989 Session of the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1743 requiring local governments to establish recycling goals of ten percent by 1991, fifteen percent by 1993, and twenty-five percent by 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Waste Management Board subsequently adopted regulations to guide local governments in the development of local and regional plans to facilitate comprehensive approaches towards managing municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, local governments in Virginia responded by developing effective and efficient partnerships with public and private sector solid waste disposal and recycling entities to develop and implement comprehensive programs for managing municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, such partnerships and efforts have resulted in the overwhelming majority of Virginia's local governments achieving the recycling goals established by the 1989 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, many local governments have developed innovative approaches toward achieving the recycling goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia General Assembly commends Virginia's local governments and their private sector partners for the progress they have made in developing comprehensive and progressive strategies in the management of municipal solid waste; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That local governments in Virginia are also commended for the responsible roles they have assumed in leading the Commonwealth towards the achievement of an average recycling rate that exceeds thirty percent; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Virginia General Assembly commends Virginia's local governments and their private sector partners for the advances they have made in managing municipal solid waste in a manner that will yield significant benefits for Virginia's environment, and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Virginia's local governments be encouraged to continue their progress in improving the Commonwealth's approach towards the responsible management of municipal solid waste; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the chief executive officers of Virginia's local governments in honor of their recycling and solid waste management efforts.

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