SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 551

Designating 2000 as the Year of the Child and Family in Virginia.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 1999 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 1999

WHEREAS, Virginia's children are at once the Commonwealth's most enduring and most vulnerable legacy; and

WHEREAS, to preserve and protect the health of Virginia's children requires the highest quality health care; and

WHEREAS, consistent and effective advocacy for the well-being of infants, children, adolescents, young adults, and their families is necessary to safeguard the future of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for Virginia's children and their families depend on advocacy, research, service, and improvements in the Commonwealth's social and health care systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby designate 2000 as the Year of the Child and Family in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly urge Virginians to mark the beginning of a new millennium by resolving to better care for Virginia's children and families the key to the continued success and prosperity of the Commonwealth.