

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Commending Hope House Foundation.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2022

WHEREAS, Hope House Foundation, a nonprofit organization with a mission to support individuals with disabilities by enabling them to develop essential skills and live in their own homes, has greatly served the Norfolk community; and

WHEREAS, Hope House Foundation was founded in 1964 by a group of parents in Hampton Roads seeking an alternative to institutionalizing their adult children with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, when Hope House Foundation already supported 13 group homes throughout the Hampton Roads area, the organization pivoted its approach to emphasize privacy, choice, and the opportunity to be part of a community for the individuals it served; and

WHEREAS, today, Hope House Foundation offers adults with a range of intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to live in their own homes or apartments and to be active and involved members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Hope House Foundation modifies its approach, from intensive support to occasional assistance, to best address the unique circumstances of each individual it serves and facilitates their ability to live fulfilling, independent lives by teaching a variety of life skills, including cooking, cleaning, managing money, dressing, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hope House Foundation creates equal opportunity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing a safe and welcoming environment where they can get both the support and independence they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the accomplishments of Hope House Foundation, the organization received the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' national award for full community inclusion in 2008 and the American Network of Community Options and Resources' Community Builder Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the inspired vision of its leaders and the tireless efforts of its staff, Hope House Foundation has helped an untold number of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead happy, dignified, and meaningful lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Hope House Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Norfolk, hereby be commended for its years of meritorious service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lynne Seagle, executive director of Hope House Foundation, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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