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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 442

Commending Area Congregations Together in Service.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 13, 2026

WHEREAS, for 20 years, the nonprofit organization Area Congregations Together in Service has worked to prevent homelessness in the Greater Richmond community by providing financial assistance and other resources to families in need; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Area Congregations Together in Service (ACTS) date to 2003, when the members of five Richmond area churches recognized that several members of the community were on the precipice of homelessness and decided to establish an organization to pool resources and coordinate a response to the problem; and

WHEREAS, inspired by their early success and guided by the efforts of the Crisis Assistance Ministry in Charlotte, North Carolina, the largest homelessness prevention agency in the Charlotte metropolitan area, the members of ACTS formally incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 2006; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, ACTS has expanded to include more than 60 interfaith partners, as well as community and corporate foundations, and has served hundreds of individuals and families by distributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial assistance, while also offering meaningful case management support; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, ACTS partnered with the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care in order to operate the Homeless Connection Line, a partnership of local organizations that serves as the primary access point for homeless services in the Greater Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACTS was designated as the local entity to provide rent and mortgage relief and administered more than $25 million to help individuals and families during the historic public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, staff and supporters of ACTS will gather to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary and to honor the tremendous impact it has had on countless lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Area Congregations Together in Service hereby be commended on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Area Congregations Together in Service as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its contributions to Richmond and the Commonwealth.