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### **County Area Agency on Aging Receives Resolution of Recognition**

Leesburg, Virginia – For his final legislative session in 2019, Senator Richard Black, District 13 VA, identified the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging as particularly deserving of special recognition because of its important mission and vital role in the community. Senator Black presented the resolution to agency representatives Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, at the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, 742 Miller Drive SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

“The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is honored to be given this commendation by the Virginia General Assembly. We are grateful to be able to offer an array of outstanding programs and services to the citizens of Loudoun. We sincerely thank the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, County Administration and the Board of Supervisors for the tremendous county support that allows us to do so,” says agency Director Dr. Lynn Reid.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 356, commending the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging and agreed to by the Senate on Feb. 14 and by the House of Delegates Feb. 19, 2019, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging has played a vital role in helping local residents age with dignity by providing education, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is to foster independence and healthy aging, and improve the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the population, over the past six years, the Loudoun County AAA opened three new state-of-the-art senior centers and one new adult day center, making a total of four senior centers and three adult day centers; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA utilizes county services to serve elderly residents and involves almost 800 volunteers, many of whom are over 90-years-old; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA offers numerous resources including a caregiver support group, a caregiver book club, a community ambassadors program, the Loudoun County Home Improvement Program, a medication disposal drop box, and Loudoun County Public Library outreach to seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA staff present at conferences and, in service to the community, assisted United States Senator Tim Kaine with a Congressional Field Hearing in Loudoun County on opioid abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County AAA has won numerous national, state, regional, and local awards recognizing its essential services to the elderly population; most notably, in 2018, a National Achievement Award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials for its Senior Summer Adventure camp; and a National Achievement Award from the National Association of Agencies on Aging for its Caregiver Services Program, which assists family caregivers by providing education, training workshops, and other support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging for more than 40 years of work to help residents age with dignity and stay engaged in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging for fostering independence and healthy aging, and improving the quality of life for older adults, their families, and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services.

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. For more information, visit [www.loudoun.gov/aaa](http://www.loudoun.gov/aaa) or call 703-777-0257.

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