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The Honorable Paula J. Miller, Delegate for the 87th District of Virginia—Norfolk.

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The Messages Project Updates

Virginia House of Delegates Ask Carolyn LeCroy to Keep Up the Good Work by Keith Wm. DeBlasio

On January 30, 2009, the Virginia House of Delegates agreed to a resolution to honor Carolyn LeCroy for the work she has done on The Messages Project.

The proposed document, House Joint Resolution 820, was prepared by The Honorable Paula J. Miller, Delegate for the 87th District of Virginia, where Ms. LeCroy resides. Delegate Miller was joined by a large group of both Senators and Delegates from that area of Virginia, who not only recognized Carolyn's work and the project, but expressed their "sincere hope that she will continue this honorable service and leadership that benefit many in Virginia."

HJ 820 was presented to the Speaker of the House, Delegate William J. Howell, on Wednesday, and agreed to by the entire House of Delegates on Friday by voice vote. Not only is this an extreme honor for Carolyn, but it is an inspiration to all the volunteers who have contributed to the project since its inception ten years. And, of course, the project itself reflects the initiative and dedication on behalf of the Virginia Department of Corrections in utilizing a project that not only encourages successful prisoner reentry, but that also focuses on the need to reinforce children who themselves are six to seven times more likely to be

involved with the criminal justice system when their



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emotional stability is neglected.

Increased public safety and stronger communities, as well as the needs of our youth, have always been considerations at the heart of the Messages.

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