

RESOLUTION NO. 11804-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH PROMISE ACT (H.R.1064).

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, is committed to ensuring that local youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free and law abiding lives; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has reported to City Council that youth, guns, drugs and gangs are our Police Department's highest priorities, and the City Council supports the enactment of legislation to address those priorities; and

WHEREAS, H.R.1064, the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act), was introduced by Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott on February 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act establishes a PROMISE Advisory Panel to assist the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in developing standards and practices to prevent juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity, and in collecting data to assess the needs and existing resources for combating juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity; and

WHEREAS, the Youth PROMISE Act authorizes awarding grants to local governments to plan, assess, and implement programs for intervention and prevention of juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity, to hire and train law enforcement officers as youth-oriented police; and to create and expand juvenile witness and victim protection programs; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, supports Congressman Scott's efforts to improve the lives of our young people and to improve the quality of life of all residents in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby urges the United States House Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, and each of Virginia's United States Senators and Congressmen, to support H.R.1064, and in anticipation thereof thanks them for supporting this vital legislation.
2. That it praises Congressman Scott for his vision and leadership in this effort.

3. That it hereby directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the House Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, and to each of Virginia's United States Senators and Congressmen.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON APRIL 28, 2009

Mabel Washington Jenkins, CMC
City Clerk

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk