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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 459

Offered March 3, 2000

Commending Betty J. Waldow.

Patrons—Almand, Brink and Darner; Senators: Howell, Ticer and Whipple

WHEREAS, Betty J. Waldow, the executive director of the Arlington County Bar Association, has announced her intention to retire on June 24, 2000, ending an outstanding career of service to the attorneys and citizens of Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Betty Waldow was the first full-time employee of the Arlington County Bar Association, and her responsibilities included the Bar Association, legal aid, and the law library; and

WHEREAS, by 1969 the Lawyer Referral Service was added, and in 1974 legal aide was removed to a separate office; and

WHEREAS, during her 33-year tenure at the Arlington County Bar Association, Betty Waldow made several significant contributions toward milestones of the bar and the county; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Thomas R. Monroe became the first African-American member of the Arlington County Bar Association; in 1976 he became Arlington's first African-American judge; and in 1985 Clarence F. Stanback, Jr., became the first African-American president of the Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Betty Thompson became the first woman to serve as president of the Bar Association, and in 1976, Eleanor Dobson became Arlington's first female judge; and

WHEREAS, the courthouse fire of May 1990 forced Betty Waldow to set up temporary offices in the Juvenile Court facilities and to reestablish the law library in the old courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Betty Waldow served on the planning committee for Arlington's new Judicial Center, which opened in 1995, and established the law library on the main floor of the new courthouse facility; and

WHEREAS, throughout 33 years of change and growth in Arlington County, the one constant has been Betty Waldow, who has served the Arlington legal community with great diligence, professionalism, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Betty J. Waldow on the completion of an exemplary career of service as executive director of the Arlington County Bar Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Betty J. Waldow as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for her outstanding career and best wishes for a rewarding retirement.

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