

# 2006 SPECIAL SESSION I

INTRODUCED  
REPRINT

068594440

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5027

Offered April 19, 2006

*Commending Dr. JoAnne Kirk Henry.*

Patrons—O'Bannon, Hall, Hamilton, Jones, D.C., Jones, S.C., Landes and Morgan; Senators: Houck, Lambert and Watkins

WHEREAS, Dr. JoAnne Kirk Henry, outstanding Theresa A. Thomas Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing, and the director of VCU's Community Nursing Organization and Office of Health Policy in Richmond, retires on June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne Kirk Henry has selflessly dedicated her life to improving the quality of life for all Virginians and raised awareness of the important health and educational issues that impact the lives of impoverished children and their families as a member of numerous community organizations such as St. Joseph's Villa, the Daily Planet, Boy Scouts of America, and Virginia League for Planned Parenthood; and

WHEREAS, long active in local children's issues, JoAnne Kirk Henry became project director of the Promoting Health Project in the Carver neighborhood of Richmond in 1998, a project designed to improve the health and well-being of Carver area residents, and served on the steering committee that established the Carver-VCU Partnership, which gained national recognition as a model university-community partnership; and

WHEREAS, the numerous awards received by JoAnne Kirk Henry during her distinguished career include the 2003 VCU Distinguished Service Award, 2003 YWCA Woman of the Year (Health), and the 1999 Virginia Nurses Association Nancy Vance Award for outstanding contributions to nursing and to community-based care in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, with her breadth of knowledge, personal and professional integrity, and compassionate spirit, JoAnne Kirk Henry was a natural to spearhead innovative health care as the Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on the Future of Nursing, which improved the quality of life for all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne Kirk Henry's extraordinary contributions to Virginia Commonwealth University as a catalyst for nursing innovations in student learning, personnel development, and health policy are indelibly etched in the history of its programs and the future well-being of the citizens of the City of Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Dr. JoAnne Kirk Henry on her 20 years of exemplary service to Virginia Commonwealth University and the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. JoAnne Kirk Henry as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling retirement.

INTRODUCED

HJ5027