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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 918

Offered February 17, 2009

Commending Reba S. McClanan.

Patrons—Knight, Bouchard, Iaquinto, Mathieson, Purkey and Tata; Senators: Blevins, Northam, Stolle and Wagner

WHEREAS, Reba S. McClanan, a respected and longtime member of the Virginia Beach City Council, is commended for her longtime service to the city; and

WHEREAS, Reba McClanan grew up in a small farming town in Kentucky and received a bachelor's degree from Berea College and a master's degree from Virginia Tech and taught school for several years; and

WHEREAS, always actively involved in the community and committed to improving the quality of life for her fellow residents, Reba McClanan decided to run for office and use her time and talents for the City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, since 1980, Reba McClanan has served six four-year terms on the City Council, including a term as vice mayor from 1984 to 1986; known as "the voice for the underdog," Reba McClanan worked diligently over the years for her constituents in District 3; and

WHEREAS, an excellent organizer and administrator, Reba McClanan has served as president of the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations, the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs, the Virginia Beach Friends of the Library, the Virginia Urban Forest Council, and Friends of the Francis Land House; she also chaired the Hampton Roads and Southeastern Planning District Commissions; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to making her community shine for residents and visitors, Reba McClanan founded the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission and is on the board of directors of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission and the city's Color Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reba McClanan has served as a member of the University of Virginia Continuing Education Advisory Committee, a board member of the Mary Ellen Cox Center for Elderly Day Care, a Virginia Beach court docent for 20 years, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Girl Scouts Council of America (Colonial Coast); and

WHEREAS, Reba McClanan has won numerous awards over the years for her dedication to public service, including the NAACP "Image Award" for community service, the Virginia Beach Human Rights Award, the Most Valuable Person Award from the Princess Anne Plaza Civic League, the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs Award of Distinction, and the Toastmasters District 66 award for Leadership in Public Service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Reba S. McClanan on her longtime service to the Virginia Beach City Council; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Reba S. McClanan as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her community service and best wishes for her future endeavors.

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