

2012 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5010

Commending Geline Bowman Williams.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 17, 2012

Agreed to by the Senate, April 17, 2012

WHEREAS, Geline Bowman Williams of Richmond will be honored by Commonwealth Catholic Charities as a 2012 Community Service Award winner; and

WHEREAS, an involved citizen, Geline Williams has made many contributions to communities across the Commonwealth through her involvement in civic and community affairs and public service over the years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Catherine's School, Geline Williams attended Goucher College and raised five children with her now late husband, Alexander Williams; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams has generously given of her time and talents to such organizations as the Instructive Visiting Nurse Association; United Givers Fund, now known as the United Way; Catholic Family and Children's Services; and Christian Children's Fund, now known as ChildFund International; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams, along with her husband, Alexander, founded the Virginia Society for Human Life and also established the organization's high school oratory contest, which provides scholarships to students; and

WHEREAS, for over three decades, Geline Williams has served as chair of the board of the National Right to Life Committee, providing strong and stable leadership to assist the organization in meeting its objectives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the well-being and prosperity of her hometown, Geline Williams served four terms on the Richmond City Council, including a term as mayor, only the second woman in history to hold that position; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents and collaborated with local and state officials to ensure the construction of a flood wall that continues to protect businesses and residents today; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Geline Williams served two terms on the Commonwealth's Commission on Local Government and provided valuable insight to aid the commission in its work assisting counties, cities, and towns across the state; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams has also been an active member of St. Bridget Catholic Church and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond; she previously served as president of the Richmond Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and currently serves on the diocese's McMahon Parater Foundation board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams was honored for her contributions to religious and civic life by Pope John Paul II with the Benemerenti medal and has earned numerous other awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Geline Williams has devoted countless hours over the years to serving those around her, demonstrating a true commitment to community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Geline Bowman Williams on her selection by Commonwealth Catholic Charities as a 2012 Community Service Award winner; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Geline Bowman Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and appreciation for her commitment to serving others.

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