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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 315

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Commending Laurie Genevra Cole.

Patron—Kearney

WHEREAS, Laurie Genevra Cole, who has admirably served on the Vienna Town Council since 2002, providing sound advice and focusing on what was best for the people of Vienna, will retire on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cole became involved with local government at the urging of her husband, Harry, and in 1994, she was appointed to the Vienna Beautification Commission, now known as the Community Enhancement Commission, and she later became chair of the commission; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cole also served on the Vienna Planning Commission and was elected chair; later, she was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals before being elected to the Vienna Town Council; and

WHEREAS, in her tenure on the town council, Laurie Cole recognized that the town must assume an active role in Fairfax County issues that could affect the residents of Vienna; she stressed the importance of communicating and building strong relationships with neighboring localities; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cole helped form the Greater Tysons Concerned Citizens coalition to address issues that arise with the continuing development of the neighboring Tysons Corner area; she also works to see that all affected localities share in the area's infrastructure and development costs; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cole has stressed the importance of matters that mainly affect local residents, such as sidewalk projects, alternatives to cell phone antenna towers, and improved signage throughout Vienna; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cole is a member of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna and the Vienna branch of the American Association of University Women and was a member of the capital campaign steering committee for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Vienna in 1986, Laurie Cole received degrees from Pomona College and the University of California, Los Angeles; after moving to the Commonwealth, she practiced law and taught at Marymount University before becoming involved in local government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Laurie Genevra Cole for her 20 years of service to the people of Vienna, including 12 years as a member of the Vienna Town Council; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Laurie Genevra Cole as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for and appreciation of her work for the betterment of the Town of Vienna, Fairfax County, and the Commonwealth.

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