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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 390

Offered February 27, 2014

*Commending Bonnie L. Simmons.*

Patrons—Landes, Bell, Richard P., Cline and Wilt; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, Bonnie L. Simmons, a faithful and dedicated public servant for the citizens of Rockingham County and the City of Harrisonburg, retired from the local court system in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1984, Bonnie Simmons began working part-time as magistrate, and later, on October 1, 1989, was promoted to the position of full-time magistrate; and

WHEREAS, employed by the Virginia Supreme Court in November 1994, Bonnie Simmons served as clerk for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as clerk, Bonnie Simmons served under Judge John A. Paul, Judge William D. Heatwole, Judge Richard A. Claybrook, Jr., and for numerous substitute judges; she was responsible for facilitating the orderly conduct of the court's business and ensured that all who found themselves before the court were treated with courtesy and respect; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Simmons was a source of guidance and wisdom as the court underwent many progressive and innovative improvements during her time with the District Court, including the computerization of records and online access to public records of the court; and

WHEREAS, possessing exceptional leadership skills, Bonnie Simmons has assisted in the training of new magistrates, deputy clerks, and substitute judges; she has also assisted the special selection committee that honors employees for their exemplary service within the Virginia court system; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 30 years of loyal service to the citizens of Rockingham County and the City of Harrisonburg, Bonnie Simmons retired on January 21, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bonnie L. Simmons on the occasion of her retirement from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bonnie L. Simmons as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her untiring and committed service to the citizens of Rockingham County and the City of Harrisonburg.

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