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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 401

Offered February 28, 2014

Commending Geraldine Sword.

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Sword, a devoted volunteer and civil servant, has served the Bristol community in various capacities for many years; and

8 WHEREAS, raised in the Town of Lebanon, Geraldine Sword has lived most of her life in the City 9 of Bristol: and

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WHEREAS, Geraldine Sword enjoyed a career in the banking industry before serving her fellow Bristol residents as an assistant judge and a volunteer election official for over two decades; she was admired as a gracious and enthusiastic worker; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Sword also served as the treasurer for the Bristol Virginia Republican Committee for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Sword donated her time and talents as a volunteer for many other organizations, including the Belle Meadows Garden Club and the Girl Scouts of America, and she is a devout member of Fellowship Chapel Church; and

WHEREAS, playing an active role in helping the youths of Bristol become responsible, successful citizens, Geraldine Sword served on the Stonewall Jackson Elementary PTA and as a longtime member of the Virginia High School Band Boosters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Geraldine Sword for her lifetime of outstanding service to the Bristol community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Geraldine Sword as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her enduring dedication to helping and serving others.