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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 105

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*Commending Shawn LaRue.*

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WHEREAS, Shawn LaRue, a devoted social worker in Fauquier County, received a Governor's Award in 2013 for her efforts to support adoptive families and adopted children in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bath County, Shawn LaRue earned a bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary in 1980 and began her career as a social worker with the Staunton-Augusta Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Shawn LaRue moved to Fauquier County in 1982 and joined the Fauquier County Department of Social Services; she ably responded to the unique needs of the community, leading efforts to provide mediation and domestic violence services and skill development for teenagers; and

WHEREAS, later specializing in adoption and foster care, Shawn LaRue focused on building and completing families, encouraging adoptive and foster families, and providing guidance to birth parents; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Shawn LaRue has worked to better the community by spreading the belief that every child matters and deserves a permanent home; she has matched countless families and children over the years, completing 10 agency adoptions in 2013; and

WHEREAS, helping to ensure the continued well-being and positive development of adopted and foster children, Shawn LaRue was the first employee in the department to recruit and train prospective foster and adoptive parents as resource parents; and

WHEREAS, Shawn LaRue developed a curriculum similar to the Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education training now required for all resource parents; she conducts at least two training sessions annually to ensure an adequate pool of resource parents for the region; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected by her peers, Shawn LaRue was called upon to provide her leadership and experience to the Commonwealth as a member of a statewide panel to review and revise existing adoption subsidy policy; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her ongoing work to create permanent, safe, and healthy homes for the children who need them, Shawn LaRue received a Governor's Award at a special ceremony on December 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, through her innovative leadership and passionate advocacy, Shawn LaRue has built a legacy of excellence that will benefit Fauquier County and the Commonwealth for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Shawn LaRue hereby be commended on receiving a 2013 Governor's Award for her work to encourage and support adoption; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shawn LaRue as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her commitment to building bright futures for children in the Commonwealth.

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