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Commending Deb Boykin.

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WHEREAS, Deb Boykin, The College of William and Mary's director of residence life, was honored for her years of dedicated service by the Virginia Association of College and University Housing Officers when the organization renamed their highest honor the Deb Boykin Outstanding Professional Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of College and University Housing Officers (VACUHO) Outstanding Professional Award honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership in the areas of implementation of creative programs; supervision and development of staff; teaching and research; mentoring of new professionals; and professional involvement in appropriate regional, state, and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Deb Boykin has displayed exceptional leadership in all of these areas during her 34 years of service to William and Mary's residence life program, where she has served as the director since 1993; she has served as a mentor and role model to countless students; and

WHEREAS, by emphasizing the importance of living on campus, Deb Boykin has been able to give her students a more rounded college experience, in which students' grades and graduation rates are higher and they are more likely to be connected with resources and faculty members, which will help with career opportunities after graduation; and

WHEREAS, having held a multitude of positions within the college and university housing profession, Deb Boykin served as president of both VACUHO in 1994 and the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers from 2003 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, VACUHO honored Deb Boykin with the Outstanding Professional Award in 2004 before the award bore her name; and

WHEREAS, Deb Boykin has received the unique honor of being able to attend the conference where her namesake award will be given to a worthy college and university housing professional; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Deb Boykin, a dedicated college and university housing professional, hereby be commended for having the Outstanding Professional Award named in her honor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Deb Boykin as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for her many years of service.

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