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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 165

Offered February 26, 2014

Commending Bonnie Baxley.

Patrons—Ebbin; Delegate: Krupicka

WHEREAS, Bonnie Baxley, the executive director of Community Lodgings, was honored in November 2013 for her years of dedicated service to the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, with years of experience as an educator and a business woman, Bonnie Baxley maintained wide community connections, both in outreach and in developing partnerships to provide more opportunities for the community; and

WHEREAS, an experienced educator and private tutor for 25 years, Bonnie Baxley helped prepare youths in Alexandria for higher education and careers; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Bonnie Baxley brought 25 years of nonprofit experience to Community Lodgings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families rise from homelessness to independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, with a combination of talent, a network of connections, and years of experience, Bonnie Baxley's hands-on form of leadership helped her become the executive director of Community Lodgings in 2005; and

WHEREAS, under Bonnie Baxley's leadership, Community Lodgings grew from a three-person staff to an 18-person staff and saw an impressive increase in funding for programs like affordable housing and youth education activities; and

WHEREAS, respected for her advocacy and skillful direction, Bonnie Baxley is a kind-hearted person who has made it her life's work to stand up for members of the community in need; and

WHEREAS, after eight years as the director of Community Lodgings, Bonnie Baxley retired in November of 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That as a leader and an advocate for the Alexandria community, Bonnie Baxley hereby be commended; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bonnie Baxley as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her years of dedicated service to the City of Alexandria.

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