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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5033

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Commending Mary Ann Bergeron.

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WHEREAS, Mary Ann Bergeron, a respected community leader in Arlington County, retires in 2014 as the executive director of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1989, Mary Ann Bergeron helped develop and organize the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, Inc. (VACSB), an organization that promotes and advocates for the highest quality public and private care for mental health, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, under Mary Ann Bergeron's guidance, the VACSB has built consensus on important issues, led statewide advocacy efforts, and ably represented the interests of community services consumers, their family members, and related organizations; and

WHEREAS, an active and innovative leader, Mary Ann Bergeron developed cutting-edge marketing, educational, and training plans for community services board members and other professionals in the health care field; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Bergeron strengthened the VACSB by building partnerships with local, state, and national agencies and organizations; she led efforts to develop nine integrated primary care and behavioral health projects, benefitting 30 localities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in the health field, Mary Ann Bergeron was appointed to the Josiah H. Beeman Commission, the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform Task Force on Access to Services, the Medicaid Revitalization Task Force, and the Interagency Civil Admissions Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Bergeron works to better the lives of her fellow community members as a devoted member and leader of many civic and service organizations, and she has received numerous awards and accolades for her contributions; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Bergeron is the proud mother of two children and grandmother of six, and she plans to spend her well-earned retirement with her family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mary Ann Bergeron on the occasion of her retirement as the executive director of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, Inc.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Ann Bergeron as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her years of leadership and service to the Commonwealth.

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