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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5233

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Commending Karen Cottrell.

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WHEREAS, Karen Cottrell, an admired college administrator who helped thousands of alumni build and strengthen lifelong connections to The College of William and Mary, retires as executive vice president of the William and Mary Alumni Association in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Karen Cottrell attended The College of William and Mary, earning a bachelor's degree in 1966, a master's degree in 1969, and a doctorate in 1984; and

WHEREAS, a respected and experienced administrator, Karen Cottrell served as the dean of admissions of the University of Virginia for 12 years; in 1980 she joined The College of William and Mary, where she served as the dean of admissions until 1985 and as the vice provost of enrollment from 1997 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, becoming the executive vice president of the William and Mary Alumni Association in 2005, Karen Cottrell achieved unprecedented success in cultivating and strengthening ties between alumni and the university; and

WHEREAS, Karen Cottrell recruited, motivated, and mentored a talented staff, and under her able leadership, the William and Mary Alumni Association grew by more than 22,000 members in nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, Karen Cottrell will continue to serve The College of William and Mary community in a part-time role, helping and supporting alumni families with children entering the admissions process; and

WHEREAS, Karen Cottrell is an exemplar of the professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication to duty shown by educators and administrators throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Cottrell on the occasion of her retirement as executive vice president of the William and Mary Alumni Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Cottrell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her leadership and legacy in The College of William and Mary community.

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