2016 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 477

Commending Clare Williams.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Clare Williams has ably served the Lake Gaston community as a board member of the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association and worked to promote the area's unique historic, recreational, scenic, and cultural attractions; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association was established in 1998 as a volunteer organization to promote existing tourism in the area and advocate for responsible development of new attractions and events; and

WHEREAS, with the leadership and hard work of volunteers like Clare Williams, the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association established and coordinated numerous festivals and events that celebrated local culture and attracted visitors to the area, including events celebrating the county's namesake Brunswick Stew; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association also worked with local, regional, and state officials to strengthen the community and helped develop the Fort Christanna Historical Site and obtain a State Scenic River designation for the Meherrin River; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association turned over all activities and duties to Brunswick County in March 2016 to better ensure the continued growth and stewardship of tourism in the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Clare Williams for her work with the Brunswick County/Lake Gaston Tourism Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Clare Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Lake Gaston community.