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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 480

Offered March 7, 2016

Commending the Honorable Alfreda Talton-Harris.

Patrons—Morris, James, Jones, Spruill and Tyler

WHEREAS, the Honorable Alfreda Talton-Harris retires in 2016 as chief judge of the Suffolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and

WHEREAS, a native of Southampton County, Alfreda Talton-Harris graduated as salutatorian from Riverview High School; she earned a bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a law degree from American University; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda Talton-Harris practiced law in Norfolk, inspired students as an assistant professor at Youngstown State University, and served the City of Suffolk as an assistant prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Alfreda Talton-Harris became a judge of the Suffolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 5th Judicial District of Virginia, where she presided with great fairness and wisdom for nearly 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Alfreda Talton-Harris also worked to strengthen and enhance the Hampton Roads community as a member of numerous civic and service organizations, including as vice chair of the Franklin City School Board and past president of the Old Dominion Bar Association; she is currently a member of the YMCA Black Achievers Program, Girlfriends, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and First Baptist Church of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great integrity, Alfreda Talton-Harris has served the City of Suffolk and the Commonwealth with the utmost professionalism and dedication; after her well-earned retirement, she plans to seek new opportunities to serve the community and spend more time with her husband, Alvin, and their daughters, Aliste and Alexa; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Alfreda Talton-Harris on the occasion of her retirement as chief judge of the Suffolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Alfreda Talton-Harris as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Suffolk community.

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