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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 844

Offered January 27, 2017

Commending Marci Bartley.

Patrons—Cole, Dudenhefer, Fowler and Howell; Senator: Stuart

WHEREAS, in December 2016, Marci Bartley retired as executive director of Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Inc., after 16 exemplary years of service; and

WHEREAS, Marci Bartley has dedicated her life's work to serving others; she began her career as a nurse in the operating room and then went into private practice before switching her focus to working with HIV and AIDS patients in the early years of the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, before joining Fredericksburg Counseling Services in 2001, Marci Bartley served as behavioral health director and then medical director at Sussex I State Prison, where she supervised staff and worked directly with death row inmates, a job she found fast-paced but very rewarding; and

WHEREAS, as executive director of Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Marci Bartley oversaw an operation that provides mental health and counseling services to low-income and uninsured individuals in Fredericksburg as well as the Counties of Caroline, King George, Orange, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, under Marci Bartley's leadership, Fredericksburg Counseling Services became an important training site that teaches graduate and post-graduate students the skills to become mental health providers, and about the importance of giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Marci Bartley is able to retire with the satisfaction of knowing she played an important role in training the future mental health workforce and providing critical services to those who could not otherwise afford it in the greater Fredericksburg area; and

WHEREAS, Marci Bartley is grateful to the wonderful staff she has been able to work with for 16 years at Fredericksburg Counseling Services; without their support, her success would not have been possible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marci Bartley on her retirement as executive director of Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Inc., after 16 exemplary years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marci Bartley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her work at Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Inc., and her dedication to providing medical and mental health services to those in the Commonwealth who are often stigmatized.

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