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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 313

Offered January 17, 2017

*Commending the Honorable Bonnie C. Davis.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Bonnie C. Davis retired as a judge of the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 12th Judicial District of Virginia on September 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ettrick, Bonnie Davis holds a bachelor's degree from Longwood University and a law degree from the University of Richmond; she inspired students as an educator at Salem Church Middle School for six years before changing careers to practice law; and

WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1993, Bonnie Davis served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and was a passionate advocate for children and families who had suffered from domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Davis was appointed as a judge of the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 12th Judicial District of Virginia in 1993, becoming the first female judge in Chesterfield County; and

WHEREAS, during her 23-year tenure as a judge, Bonnie Davis presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom, and she oversaw the construction of the current Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court building, which is considered a model for other courthouses in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Davis has offered her leadership and expertise to numerous task forces, professional organizations, and committees at local, state, and federal levels, including the Virginia State Bar and the Association of District Court Judges of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement, Bonnie Davis plans to seek new opportunities to enhance the Chesterfield County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Bonnie C. Davis on the occasion of her retirement as a judge of the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bonnie C. Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her service to children and families in Chesterfield County.

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