

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 199

Commending Jennifer Hoysa.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hoysa, a dedicated public servant who has helped safeguard natural resources in Fauquier County as district manager of the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District, retired in 2017 as the longest-tenured employee in the organization's history; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fauquier County, Jennifer Hoysa joined the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District in 1984 as district clerk; she was later promoted to district manager, the position she held for the rest of her career; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hoysa played a key part in the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District's mission to assist and educate landowners in managing their natural resources; during her tenure, she oversaw the allocation of over \$8 million in Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share funds and promoted conservation efforts that allowed for the protection of over 345 miles of stream bank; and

WHEREAS, a wise steward of the District's finances, Jennifer Hoysa increased fiscal stability and bolstered the local economy by making a special effort to use local vendors; a system she established to retain materials for audits is now utilized by other districts across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hoysa also oversaw numerous events for the District, including planning its 50th anniversary celebration, assisting with fundraising events and an annual auction, and coordinating a series of dinners to honor landowners for conservation achievements; during visits by conservation officials from Russia and China, she organized farm tours to showcase the best management practices; and

WHEREAS, a skilled and diligent leader, Jennifer Hoysa served as a mentor to other managers and administrative personnel, conducted countless training sessions, and spearheaded an initiative to create a career ladder and professional development for District employees; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hoysa's other accomplishments with the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District include helping implement Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share best practices, aiding in the establishment of protocols for grants, and leading the development of a strategic plan to advance the District's programs; and

WHEREAS, during Jennifer Hoysa's 33-year tenure, the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District was named a Goodyear Honor District four times and won the national Goodyear Grand Award in 1986 and 1994; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jennifer Hoysa for her dedication to conservation efforts and her years of exemplary service to the citizens of Fauquier County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Hoysa as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her distinguished career and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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