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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered February 20, 2018

Commending Patsy Gifford Napier.

Patrons—Watts and Peace; Senators: Howell and McClellan

WHEREAS, Patsy Gifford Napier, a trailblazer for women in the transportation industry, has served the Commonwealth in various capacities for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier began working for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) after graduating from high school in 1968; over the course of her long and successful career, she witnessed incredible growth and change in the Commonwealth and in the transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier started her career in the Preliminary Engineering Section of the VDOT Location and Design Division at a time when there were only four women employees on her entire floor; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier oversaw major corridor studies that shaped Virginia's transportation network, including the I-73 Corridor Study and the Coalfields Expressway Corridor Study; she actively encouraged public participation through innovative and effective outreach strategies, ensuring that all voices were heard; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier worked her way up through the ranks of VDOT to become the program manager in charge of location studies and public involvement in the Location and Design Division; she earned the admiration and respect of her peers and employees for her attention to detail, work ethic, and visionary leadership; and

WHEREAS, after 37 years of loyal service, Patsy Napier retired from VDOT to pursue new opportunities in the private sector as a transportation consultant; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Patsy Napier organized a group of women to establish the Central Virginia Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), an international organization that promotes the professional advancement of women in the transportation field; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Patsy Napier has helped the Central Virginia Chapter of the WTS grow and create new career opportunities for women in the Commonwealth, and she has inspired an entire generation of women leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Central Virginia Chapter of the WTS recognized Patsy Napier with its Woman of the Year Award and created the Patsy G. Napier Future Transportation Leader Scholarship in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier resides in Hanover County with her husband, Bob, a fellow VDOT retiree with more than 40 years of experience; the couple has one daughter and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Napier currently serves Hanover County residents by advising the Board of Supervisors on transportation issues as the Cold Harbor District representative on the Roads Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Patsy Gifford Napier for her 50 years of service to the Commonwealth in the transportation sector; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patsy Gifford Napier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her exceptional contributions to the Commonwealth and to her fellow women transportation professionals.

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