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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 405

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Commending Diane L. Zahm.

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WHEREAS, Diane L. Zahm, an associate professor and program co-chair in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has been inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners for her outstanding achievements in planning for many towns and rural communities in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Diane Zahm has served aspiring urban and community planners for more than 20 years, guiding more than 500 students as an academic advisor and giving them the tools to achieve professional success through real-life planning projects and instituting rigorous professional standards for coursework; and

WHEREAS, Diane Zahm has helped communities in Southwest Virginia that do not have dedicated planning staff prepare new or updated comprehensive plans, build-out analyses, form-based codes, and pattern books, receiving local and state accolades for her professional and pro bono work; and

WHEREAS, Diane Zahm and her students have served towns and rural communities in Southwest Virginia by using innovative technology, such as 3-D models to visualize new development in historic areas and developing a QR code-based online tour of a historic area; and

WHEREAS, Diane Zahm was at the forefront of crime prevention through environmental design, and she has provided training and technical assistance on the subject to more than 75 agencies, organizations, and communities; two of her publications are considered standards on the subject, and she is a sought-after lecturer and keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, Diane Zahm is a university representative on the Virginia Chapter Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Planners and since 2013 she has been a member of the task force responsible for updating the institute's comprehensive exam; and

WHEREAS, due to these accomplishments and contributions to the planning profession, Diane Zahm was recognized by her peers and the American Planning Association with the organization's highest honor, induction into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Diane L. Zahm on being named as a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Diane L. Zahm as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her exemplary accomplishments in community planning and contributions to Southwest Virginia.

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