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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 487

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Eileen Curtis.

Patrons—Boysko, Adams, D.M., Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Plum, Simon and Turpin; Senators: Ebbin, Howell, Marsden and Spruill

WHEREAS, Eileen Curtis, a respected leader who served as president and chief executive officer of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce for 23 years, retired in July 2017 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, a New Jersey native, Eileen Curtis earned a master's degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; during her early career, she served as director of music and cultural affairs at WGMS Radio in Rockville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Eileen Curtis took the reins as president and chief executive officer of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; during her 23-year tenure with the organization, it has grown into one of the largest chambers of commerce in the Washington, D.C., area; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic and visionary leader, Eileen Curtis tirelessly marshalled the resources of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce to benefit the business community of Northern Virginia; among other initiatives, she emphasized diversity, guided the Chamber in addressing 21st century issues related to science and biotechnology, and launched Innovate, an annual one-day conference welcoming the economic opportunities of change; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Curtis also forged partnerships with six local high schools to help prepare the workforce of tomorrow and was instrumental in persuading the board of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce to embrace a platform of immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Curtis has received numerous honors and accolades during her career, including the Woman of the Year award from the Herndon Business and Professional Women's Club, the Chamber Executive of the Year Award from the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Peabody Award for Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, along with continuing to serve as a consultant to the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, Eileen Curtis plans to spend her retirement traveling, volunteering, and writing books; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Eileen Curtis for her 23-year stewardship of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eileen Curtis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her outstanding service to the business community.

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