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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 491

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Janet Haines.

Patrons—Simon; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Janet Haines, a skilled and dedicated crossing guard in Falls Church, was honored for 50 years of service to the community in 2017; and

WHEREAS, on the job in rain, snow, and scorching heat, 92-year-old Janet Haines has become a fixture on the corner of West Broad and North Spring streets in Falls Church, where she ensures the safety of students at nearby St. James Catholic School by directing passing cars, trucks, and buses; and

WHEREAS, a former stay-at-home mother, Janet Haines was hired as a crossing guard with the Falls Church Police Department in March 1967; during her five decades of service, she has rarely missed a day of work while protecting several generations of students; and

WHEREAS, known for her cheerful personality and infectious smile, Janet Haines goes above and beyond in her duties as a crossing guard, even cleaning up litter and debris on her corner; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Janet Haines' 50 years of diligent service, St. James Catholic School put up a banner noting her work anniversary and held a surprise assembly where she was honored with gifts, letters of thanks, and a special song performed by all 455 members of the school; and

WHEREAS, Janet Haines also received a service award from the Falls Church Police Department, where she is the longest tenured employee; and

WHEREAS, Janet Haines' devotion to the safety of children and pedestrians in Falls Church has won her the abiding respect, admiration, and affection of the people she has so ably served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Janet Haines on 50 years of protecting the community as a school crossing guard; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Janet Haines as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her long and distinguished service to Falls Church.

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