HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Commending Deborah L. Vest.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Deborah L. Vest, a talented and diligent public servant who served the City of Poquoson for 36 years, retired on January 1, 2018, following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Vest began her employment with the City of Poquoson in August 1981 as an executive secretary in the City Manager's Office; and

WHEREAS, beginning in April 1987, Deborah Vest was promoted to the position of Planning Assistant in the Planning Department, which began her professional growth within the organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Deborah Vest took on the responsibility of Planning/Zoning Administrator; upon the death of the Director of Planning in 2004, she assumed all of his responsibilities as well as the supervision of both the Engineering and Inspections personnel; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2010, Deborah Vest served as Coordinator of Community Development for Poquoson; in 2010, she was reclassified and promoted to the position of Director of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, during her employment with Poquoson, Deborah Vest had several notable accomplishments, including completing the Virginia Certified Planning Commissioner Program, earning a certificate of training for Wetlands Identification/Delineation, and serving as staff representative to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Wetlands Board; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Vest also served as chair of Poquoson's Development Planning Review Committee and is a 2011 graduate of LEAD Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Vest's devotion to the City of Poquoson has won her the abiding respect and admiration of colleagues, contractors, developers, and the residents she has so ably served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Deborah L. Vest hereby be commended on her years of outstanding service to the Poquoson community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Deborah L. Vest as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her impressive career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.