HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Commending Brenda J. Johnson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Brenda J. Johnson, a distinguished citizen and respected leader, has given generously of her time and talents in service to the South Norfolk community; and

WHEREAS, a native of South Norfolk, Brenda Johnson attended Oscar F. Smith High School and Hicks Beauty Academy and is retired from a career with Revlon, Inc., cosmetics company; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of the community, Brenda Johnson serves as commissioner of the South Norfolk Revitalization Commission, a member and past president of the South Norfolk Civic League, and a member of the Women's Division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson is also active in the Boys and Girls Club and is the longtime director and chair of the Chesapeake 4th of July Parade, which takes place in South Norfolk and typically features between 75 and 100 units; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to education, Brenda Johnson sits on the board of Oscar F. Smith High School and serves as president of the Oscar F. Smith Middle School parent-teacher-student association; and

WHEREAS, between 2004 and 2012, Brenda Johnson served as an elected school board member for Chesapeake Public Schools; during her tenure, she was a key advocate for the construction of a new Oscar F. Smith Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson has received numerous awards for her community service, including the Martin Luther King Woman of Service Leadership Award, the Woman of the Year Award from the Women's Division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake, the Community Builders Award from the South Norfolk Masonic Lodge No. 339, and the Chesapeake Woman of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Johnson's volunteer efforts have made an indelible impact on civic life in South Norfolk and stand as a shining example of community service and good citizenship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Brenda J. Johnson hereby be commended on her many years of distinguished service to the South Norfolk community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brenda J. Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her impressive accomplishments and best wishes for continued success.