

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Commending Debra Ann Smith.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018

WHEREAS, Debra Ann Smith, a generous member of the Hampton Roads community, has served and supported the Chesapeake 4-H club for more than five years, touching the lives of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Debra "Deb" Ann Smith was an active member of local 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs in her youth; and

WHEREAS, after honorably serving her country as a mechanic in the United States Navy, Deb Smith worked as a barn manager and a horse caretaker, as well as a horse show organizer; she was later the owner and manager of a restaurant and worked at Lowe's Home Improvement and Big Lots stores; and

WHEREAS, Deb Smith began working for Tractor Supply Company stores in the Commonwealth in 2007, becoming the manager of the store on Centerville Turnpike South in Chesapeake in 2012; the next year, she became involved with Tractor Supply Company's Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H clubs; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, Deb Smith and the Chesapeake Tractor Supply Company location have raised more than \$40,000 during Paper Clover Campaigns, winning the event at district, regional, and national levels; during the 2017 fall campaign, her store brought in more than 5,400 clovers; and

WHEREAS, Deb Smith is a proud sponsor of the Chesapeake 4-H Livestock Club Banner Group, a group of businesses that support the local livestock show by covering event costs and purchasing market animals; and

WHEREAS, through her dedication to and passionate support of 4-H, Deb Smith has had a positive influence on young people in the Chesapeake community, inspiring many to continue to pursue their interest in agriculture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Debra Ann Smith hereby be commended for her service to 4-H programs through the Paper Clover Campaign and many other contributions to the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Debra Ann Smith as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her work to support and inspire young farmers in Chesapeake.

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