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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 778

Offered February 1, 2019

*Commending Margaret Vanderhye.*

Patrons—Murphy, Bell, John J., Bulova, Carr, Filler-Corn, Lopez, Sickles, Sullivan, Toscano and Watts;  
Senators: Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant,  
Ebbin, Edwards, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike,  
Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant,  
Surovell, Vogel and Wagner

WHEREAS, Margaret Vanderhye, executive director of the Virginia Commission for the Arts, departed her position in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Margi "Margi" Vanderhye was appointed to the position by former Governor Terence R. McAuliffe in 2014 after decades of leadership; she previously served in the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 34th district which encompasses McLean; and

WHEREAS, Margi Vanderhye served for six years as a Presidential appointee to the National Capital Planning Commission during the Clinton administration, chairing the commission's Joint Memorials and Museums Task Force which developed an esteemed master plan for monuments, memorials, and museums; and

WHEREAS, Margi Vanderhye was the vice chair for the McLean Project for the Arts and served as an appointee to the Northern Virginia Advisory Panel for the Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA); and

WHEREAS, as executive director of the VCA, Margi Vanderhye has been credited with being a "relentless warrior" in her efforts to ensure the preservation and expansion of funding for the arts; under her leadership, the VCA paved the way for the vibrant and diverse cultural amenities and programs enjoyed in every corner of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, highlights of Margi Vanderhye's achievements during her tenure include honoring some of Virginia's finest artists and arts leaders through the VCA's 50th anniversary program; strengthening the VCA's Artists in Education Program; transitioning the Commission to an online grants management system; encouraging increased networking and collaboration among arts partners; and taking the lead on arts and military wellness and healing programs; and

WHEREAS, numerous arts organizations throughout the Commonwealth thrive today because of the support of the VCA under Margi Vanderhye's leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Margaret Vanderhye for her successful tenure as executive director of the Virginia Commission for the Arts; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Margaret Vanderhye as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her leadership and dedication to strengthening cultural life throughout the Commonwealth.

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