## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 859**

Commending Leslyn Barrow.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Leslyn Barrow, a Human Services Specialist with the City of Falls Church, has served the residents of the community for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Leslyn Barrow began her career with the City of Falls Church as an administrative secretary on August 18, 1993, and was promoted to housing specialist in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Leslyn Barrow received the Employee of the Year Award for her compassion, dedication, and grace in managing difficult situations; she was jointly nominated by Housing and Human Services, the Housing Commission, the Human Services Advisory Council, the Friends of Falls Church Homeless Shelter, and the Falls Church Zoning Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Leslyn Barrow has received many other awards and commendations for her work with the Ellison Resources Center, participation in the Fall for Fun outreach event, and efforts to help other departments with translations; and

WHEREAS, Leslyn Barrow is committed to professional development and lifelong learning; she earned an associate's degree in psychology to better serve community members and maintains certifications from the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems; and

WHEREAS, in the course of her duties, Leslyn Barrow has inspired confidence and hope in the city's most vulnerable residents through her kindness, empathy, and passion for service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Leslyn Barrow for her 25 years of service as a member of Falls Church Housing and Human Services; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Leslyn Barrow as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Falls Church community.