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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 141

Offered January 16, 2020

*Commending Elnora F. Tompkins.*

Patrons—Ransone; Senators: McDougale and Stuart

WHEREAS, Elnora F. Tompkins, a retired educator and community leader who touched countless lives in the Northern Neck, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Westmoreland County, Elnora Tompkins gained an appreciation for the importance of a good education at a young age; after graduating from A. T. Johnson High School and Virginia State University, she pursued a long and fulfilling career as a teacher and guidance counselor in Westmoreland County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Elnora Tompkins helped to instill a sense of respect and dignity in her students while giving them the tools to succeed in careers, higher education, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, seeking to ensure a high quality of life for her students and fellow community members, Elnora Tompkins joined the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative as a director in 1985; she served the organization for 32 years, including 26 years as secretary and treasurer, becoming well-known for her attention to detail, punctuality, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Elnora Tompkins served on the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Communications and Public Relations Committee for 20 years, including terms as vice chair and chair; and

WHEREAS, Elnora Tompkins has offered her time and wise leadership to the Westmoreland County Public Schools School Board, the Rappahannock Community College Board of Directors, the NAACP, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, among her many other honors and accolades, Elnora Tompkins was named as an Unsung Hero by the Black Business and Professional Coalition of the Northern Neck and received the Liberty Bell Award from the Northern Neck Bar Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Elnora F. Tompkins on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elnora F. Tompkins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her exceptional service to students in the Northern Neck and contributions to communities throughout Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware.

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