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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 155

Offered January 20, 2020

Commending Priscilla J. Davenport.

Patrons—Hodges; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, Priscilla J. Davenport, Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue for the past 11 years, retired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Middlesex, Priscilla J. "Bonnie" Davenport was an accountant for Columbia Pictures for two decades and later a representative of the New York State Federal Credit Union League; and

WHEREAS, upon settling in Middlesex in 1987, Bonnie Davenport became an active member of her community, serving on the Middlesex Planning Commission for 14 years and with the Middlesex Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Davenport joined the commissioner of the revenue's office in 1997 as a part-time employee and, over 11 years, worked her way up through the ranks of chief deputy and master deputy before ultimately running for the position of commissioner of the revenue; and

WHEREAS, first elected Middlesex Commissioner of the Revenue in 2008 and serving three terms, Bonnie Davenport became the first African American woman to hold a county constitutional office in Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, certified as a Master Commissioner of the Revenue by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Bonnie Davenport has provided excellent oversight of Middlesex's real estate and property tax operations, tax relief program, and state income tax filing process for the past 11 years; and

WHEREAS, over more than two decades, Bonnie Davenport has worked tirelessly to ensure the proper and responsible administration of the office of the commissioner of the revenue in Middlesex, greatly benefiting the county's residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Priscilla J. Davenport, dedicated public servant and Middlesex County Commissioner of the Revenue for over a decade, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Priscilla J. Davenport as an expression of the General Assembly's deep respect and heartfelt appreciation for her contributions to Middlesex County and the Commonwealth.

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