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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 198

Offered February 6, 2020

*Commending Betty Bray.*

Patrons—Hodges; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, Betty Bray, former treasurer for Middlesex County, retired in 2019 after 20 years of service as the county's chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bray assumed the position of treasurer on January 1, 2000, overseeing all of Middlesex County's local investments, tax collections, and payments, and was certified by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia and the Compensation Board of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, following a comprehensive study program led by the Treasurers' Association of Virginia and the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, Betty Bray was designated a Master Governmental Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Betty Bray employed careful precision, exceptional problem-solving skills, and first-rate customer service to ensure the treasurer's office functioned in an effective and fiscally sound manner; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bray's efforts to redesign personal property and real estate tax bills, establish electronic payment methods, and remodel the treasurer's office modernized the office's functions and improved its interactions with customers; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bray enhanced the overall performance of the treasurer's office during her tenure by developing operational policies to systematize investments, customer service, and delinquent collections; outsourcing the office's printing and mailing operations to reduce costs; and implementing strategies to ensure greater compliance with the county's tax policies; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Betty Bray's impact as county treasurer, the Middlesex County Treasurer's Office received accreditation in 2019 from the Treasurers' Association of Virginia and was recognized for its strong commitment to integrity and accounting best practices; and

WHEREAS, Betty Bray has dedicated many years to ensuring the finances of Middlesex County are properly managed for the benefit of its citizens, offering an exemplary model to which all public servants may aspire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Betty Bray, former treasurer for Middlesex County, 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 Betty Bray as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements and appreciation for her service to Middlesex County and the Commonwealth.

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