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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 229

Offered February 13, 2020

Commending Amanda B. Wimberley.

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WHEREAS, Amanda B. Wimberley, dedicated member of the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office, retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Amanda Wimberley earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Old Dominion University, which she supplemented in 1989 with a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in justice administration from Golden Gate University; and

WHEREAS, after a brief stint as a teacher with Portsmouth Public Schools, Amanda Wimberley began a long and distinguished career as a criminal justice administrator; and

WHEREAS, from 1980 to 1990, she was a probation counselor serving the Third District Court Service Unit of the Virginia Department of Corrections, followed by four years as a probation and parole officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Amanda Wimberley assumed a management position as director of the Portsmouth Community Diversion Incentive Program, applying years of experience providing parole and probation services to reduce recidivism among nonviolent felons; and

WHEREAS, for over two decades, Amanda Wimberley helped ensure the Portsmouth local courts functioned properly as director of Portsmouth Community Corrections and Pretrial Services, overseeing the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office's administration of local probation and pretrial services and other agency operations such as grant development, program development, and staff supervision; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Wimberley improved the quality of trial services and other programs in the Commonwealth with her involvement in several professional affiliations, including the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association, for which she served as president and treasurer, and the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association, for which she served as president from 1986 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her many professional accomplishments, Amanda Wimberley received several awards and distinctions, including the Leadership Award from the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association in 2016 and the Liberty Bell Award from the Portsmouth Bar Association in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth community benefited greatly from Amanda Wimberley's four decades of commitment and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Amanda B. Wimberley, an invaluable member of the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office for many years, 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 Amanda B. Wimberley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for her contributions to Portsmouth and the Commonwealth.

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