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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 273

Offered February 19, 2020

Commending Dianne H. Smith.

Patrons—Robinson, Adams, D.M., Cox and Coyner; Senators: Chase and Morrissey

WHEREAS, Dianne H. Smith served Chesterfield County Public Schools for many years as a teacher, principal, and administrator and as a member of the Chesterfield County School Board from 2012 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Virginia Commonwealth University, Dianne Smith taught for Richmond Public Schools briefly before joining Chesterfield County Public Schools as a reading teacher in 1976; and

WHEREAS, earning a master's degree in education administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1983, Dianne Smith served the school system for decades thereafter as an assistant principal, principal, and central office administrator; and

WHEREAS, after a period as the school system's assistant director for human resources and the director of leadership and career development, Dianne Smith concluded her career with Chesterfield County Public Schools as principal of Winterpock Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Smith's effectiveness as an educator and administrator was demonstrated by the academic achievements of her students; in 2003, under her leadership, Clover Hill Elementary School was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School, the first elementary school in Chesterfield County to receive this distinction; and

WHEREAS, with close to 40 years of experience in education, Dianne Smith was an important and influential voice on the Chesterfield County School Board as the Clover Hill District representative, serving during her tenure as both chair and vice chair of the board and as an appointee to the Governor's Task Force on School and Campus Safety; and

WHEREAS, a tireless civil servant dedicated to helping her community, Dianne Smith gave her time and talents to various civic organizations, including the Chesterfield Schools Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, the Chesterfield Education Foundation, and the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Social Services Board; and

WHEREAS, recognized in 2014 by the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education for her years of service, Dianne Smith has built an inspirational career on her commitment to ensuring the best for the students and families of Chesterfield County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dianne H. Smith, passionate educator and civic leader, for her many years of service to Chesterfield County Public Schools and the Chesterfield County School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dianne H. Smith as an expression of the General Assembly's profound respect and heartfelt admiration for her contributions to Chesterfield County and the Commonwealth.

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