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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 303

Offered February 24, 2020

Commending Dr. Lisa Chaplin.

Patrons—Robinson, Adams, D.M., Coyner and Ware; Senator: Chase

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa Chaplin of Richmond was elected as president of The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Virginia for 2019-2020, the national organization's centennial year; and

WHEREAS, eligible for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) through her father, John Thomas, who served the United States Army in the Korean War, Dr. Lisa Chaplin has been a member of the ALA since 1984; in over three decades with the organization, she has held many offices and chaired several committees at both the unit and district levels; and

WHEREAS, within the ALA Department of Virginia, Dr. Lisa Chaplin has chaired the state's committees for Education, Children and Youth, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, while serving as the ALA Virginia Girls State program's on-site chief nurse since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa Chaplin has held prominent positions with the ALA on the national level as well, serving as national vice chairman of ALA Girls Nation in 2017 and, in recognition of her outstanding performance in that role, as national chairman a year later; and

WHEREAS, as the ALA national legislative chairman in 2018-2019, Dr. Lisa Chaplin was instrumental in securing passage of numerous veteran and military bills during the 115th and 116th Congresses; she continues to utilize these talents to further ALA's mission and currently serves as a strategic planner for the organization at both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, a board-certified nurse practitioner with a doctorate in nursing, Dr. Lisa Chaplin is a professor at the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies, where she currently serves on the Council for Outcomes and Evaluation and previously served on the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her service with the ALA, Dr. Lisa Chaplin is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and of Rotary International, greatly improving the lives of both her colleagues and those in her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisa Chaplin was recognized for her patriotism, exceptional leadership, and devotion to serving her community, state, and nation when she was selected to lead the ALA Department of Virginia during the national organization's 100th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Lisa Chaplin, longtime advocate for and supporter of veterans and the military, for being named president of The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Virginia in 2019, the organization's centennial year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Lisa Chaplin as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and profound respect for her efforts on behalf of veterans, the United States Armed Forces, and the Commonwealth.

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