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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 307

Offered February 24, 2020

Commending Mattie Palmore.

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WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Mattie Palmore has been a champion for those experiencing homelessness, youths, seniors, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with physical and mental challenges in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Palmore coordinates with local government agencies, the judicial system, and local nonprofit organizations and businesses to promote domestic violence prevention efforts and deliver essential services to victims; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Palmore currently represents the Mount Vernon district on the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and previously served as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Palmore is a former Fairfax County magistrate and former director of the homeless transition program at Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Palmore cofounded the Women's Group of Mount Vernon, which earned statewide recognition for providing a safe, supportive environment to victims of abuse; she was appointed to the Josiah H. Beeman Commission, which studied changes to Virginia's mental health system; and

WHEREAS, among the many awards and accolades for her good work, Mattie Palmore received the 2006 Women We Admire Award from Black Women United for Action, the 2011 Joe Adinaro Award, and the 2012 Community Champions Award from Molina Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Palmore has touched countless lives through her leadership, generosity, compassionate advocacy, and unfailing commitment to service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mattie Palmore for more than three decades of hard work on behalf of the residents of Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mattie Palmore as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to her fellow community members.

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