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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered February 25, 2020

Commending Lena C. McAllister.

Patrons—Tran and Torian; Senator: Surovell

WHEREAS, Lena C. McAllister has helped promote the history and heritage of the Commonwealth at Gunston Hall, an educational agency that preserves and interprets the former home of George Mason, for more than 34 years as administrative specialist; and

WHEREAS, since opening as a public museum in 1952, Gunston Hall has welcomed and hosted hundreds of thousands of guests, providing these individuals and families with exceptional educational and recreational experiences throughout the historic site's 554-acre campus; the agency's ability to facilitate those experiences is supported and advanced by the dedicated work of professional staff members like Lena McAllister; and

WHEREAS, Lena McAllister has been a passionate and enthusiastic advocate for the story of George Mason, the founding father and visionary author of the 1776 *Virginia Declaration of Rights*, a document fundamental to the history of the United States, which states: "That all men are by nature equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing happiness and safety."; and

WHEREAS, Lena McAllister has served as Gunston Hall's chief financial officer and director of human resources while serving as an organizational leader and a trusted mentor and advisor to all members of the team; and

WHEREAS, Lena McAllister has consistently demonstrated integrity, tireless dedication, professional expertise, grace, compassionate support for her colleagues, and joy in the performance of her duties; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her more-than-34-year career, Lena McAllister's exceptional work at Gunston Hall has represented the very best of what it means to be a public servant, a good colleague, and a friend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lena C. McAllister for more than three decades of outstanding service to Gunston Hall; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lena C. McAllister as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the preservation of the legacy of George Mason.

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