

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 500

Commending Helen Butts.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 3, 2020
Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2020

WHEREAS, Helen Butts, a highly respected public servant in Clarke County, has served members of the community for more than 57 years in the Clerk's Office of the Clarke County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, a native of Frederick County, Helen Butts graduated from James Wood High School and began her career working for an attorney in Winchester; and

WHEREAS, Helen Butts first joined the Clerk's Office of the Clarke County Circuit Court in 1963 and served for many years as a deputy clerk; and

WHEREAS, Helen Butts was appointed as clerk of the Clarke County Circuit Court in 1996 to fill the unexpired term of her predecessor and was subsequently elected to three eight-year terms; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her long career, Helen Butts became a trusted source of institutional knowledge for the Clarke County Circuit Court and witnessed significant changes in court procedures and technology; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as clerk, Helen Butts attended hundreds of court proceedings and preserved and maintained the county's important legal records while helping citizens better understand the processes for obtaining deeds, marriage licenses, wills, and permits; and

WHEREAS, with her extensive knowledge, incomparable work ethic, and genial personality, Helen Butts ensured that generations of Clarke County residents had positive interactions with local government; and

WHEREAS, in her well-earned retirement, Helen Butts plans to spend more time with her beloved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Helen Butts on the occasion of her retirement as clerk of the Clarke County Circuit Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Helen Butts as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to the residents of Clarke County.

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