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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130

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Commending Laura Belle Gordy.

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WHEREAS, Laura Belle Gordy, former District 7 Supervisor on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and a leader in the Accomack and Eastern Shore communities, retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the board in 1988, Laura Belle Gordy served seven four-year terms and was chairwoman five times, overseeing many improvements in Accomack County during her tenure, including the development of a recreational park at the former Jones lumber yard, the establishment of the Wallops Research Park, and the construction of new schools and convenience centers; and

WHEREAS, Laura Belle Gordy was a valued voice on several board-appointed bodies, including the Accomack-Norhampton Planning District Commission, the Accomack Solid Waste Committee, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Board, the Accomack Social Services Board, the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency, the Accomack Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees, and the Eastern Shore Community College Board; and

WHEREAS, dedicating many years to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Laura Belle Gordy served as chairwoman of the hospital charity ball for two years and as a member of the Executive Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee while chairwoman of public relations for the Board of Trustees; her service to the hospital also included 15 years as volunteer at the hospital's gift shop and a role as hospital auxiliary president; and

WHEREAS, Laura Belle Gordy also provided expertise and guidance on several statewide and regional organizations and committees, including the Virginia Association of Counties, the Delmarva Advisory Council, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and the Regional Economic Development Advisory Council, for which she served as secretary; and

WHEREAS, also contributing to many local civic organizations, Laura Belle Gordy was president of the Woman's Club of Accomack County and the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, and a member of Temperanceville Chapter 88 Order of the Eastern Star, the Onancock Emblem Club 195, Friends of Onancock School, and the Exmore Moose Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Laura Belle Gordy served the Accomack community for over three decades with pride and distinction, and her presence on the county's Board of Supervisors will be dearly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Laura Belle Gordy, former District 7 Supervisor on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and pillar of the Accomack and Eastern Shore communities, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Laura Belle Gordy as an expression of the General Assembly's humble admiration and profound respect for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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