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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 563

Offered August 24, 2020

Commending Helena Johnson-Henson.

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WHEREAS, Helena Johnson-Henson, an esteemed guidance counselor with Greenville County Public Schools, has worked tirelessly for the benefit of young people throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Helena Johnson-Henson graduated from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and from Virginia State University with a master's degree in guidance and counseling; and

WHEREAS, for over four decades, Helena Johnson-Henson has served as a school guidance counselor, including three years with Southampton Public Schools and 39 years with Greenville County Public Schools, greatly contributing to the growth and development of untold numbers of children; and

WHEREAS, to further her commitment to the education and well-being of the children she served, Helena Johnson-Henson was a member of the National Education Association, the Virginia Education Association, and the Greenville Education Association for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of her community, Helena Johnson-Henson joined the Delta Sigma Theta service sorority in 1974 and was director of the Emporia Greenville Cultural Arts Association Dance Theater for 33 years, helping many young women build confidence and express themselves through dance performances; and

WHEREAS, guided through her life by her deep and abiding faith, Helena Johnson-Henson enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Freeman, where she served as a deaconess and as a teacher and advisor to the church's youth congregants; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering and inspirational support of young people, Helena Johnson-Henson embodies the best of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Helena Johnson-Henson, a longtime guidance counselor with Greenville County Public Schools, hereby be commended for her service to the children of her community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Helena Johnson-Henson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her noteworthy contributions to the Commonwealth.

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