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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 641

Offered January 28, 2021

Commending Charlene Bickford.

Patrons—Hope, Keam, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford retired from the Arlington County Electoral Board on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford served with distinction on the Arlington County Electoral Board for 23 years, including service as board chair; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford served as chair of the Arlington County Democratic Committee for two terms from 1985 to 1987 and 1996 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, over the last four decades, Charlene Bickford has undertaken a wide variety of volunteer jobs for the Arlington County Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford was an initial member of the Roosevelt Society (now the Roosevelt-Obama Society) and later served as chair, helping the society to develop and provide a steady source of funding for the Arlington County Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford volunteered for many local Democratic campaigns, including one in 1974, when Democrat Joe Fisher upset long-serving Republican Joel Broyhill to become Arlington's delegate to the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bickford served for decades on the kitchen committee, which provided refreshments at Arlington County Democratic Committee functions; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Charlene Bickford is a historian who has served for many years as research project director at George Washington University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Charlene Bickford on the occasion of her retirement from the Arlington County Electoral Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charlene Bickford as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her distinguished service to the Arlington County community.

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