

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 729

Commending Pamela L. Michell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Pamela L. Michell, esteemed executive director of New Hope Housing in Alexandria who has worked tirelessly to end homelessness in Northern Virginia throughout her career, retires on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1990, Pamela "Pam" L. Michell began serving as the executive director of New Hope Housing, an organization that provides a comprehensive and innovative array of services to homeless families and single adults and is the oldest and largest provider of shelter beds in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Pam Michell employed a philosophy of hope, hospitality, dignity, and respect over her three decades with New Hope Housing, serving thousands of vulnerable members of the community by providing them with housing solutions and the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Housing grew under Pam Michell's tenure from a program of three shelters accommodating approximately 100 people a day to a continuum of services, including three year-round shelters, three hypothermia shelters, seven permanent supportive housing programs, and a host of other support services, reaching approximately 450 people a day; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Pam Michell's stellar leadership, New Hope Housing has received numerous awards and distinctions in recent years, including the 2015 Housing First Award from the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, selection as one of five finalists in *The Washington Post* 2009 Excellence in Nonprofit Management Award program, and recognition as Best Housing Organization in 2004 at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference; and

WHEREAS, Pam Michell's personal accolades include being named a 2005 Washingtonian of the Year by *Washingtonian* magazine, the 2013 Nonprofit Leader of the Year by Leadership Fairfax, and a 2019 "Lady Fairfax" by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair Sharon Bulova; she received the Center for Nonprofit Advancement's Gelman Rosenberg Freedman EXCEL Award for excellence in nonprofit leadership in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Pam Michell has worked every day with passion and enthusiasm to greatly bolster New Hope Housing's efforts to implement innovative housing solutions and eliminate homelessness in Northern Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Pamela L. Michell, longtime executive director of New Hope Housing, hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pamela L. Michell as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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