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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 605

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Commending Janet Rainey.

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WHEREAS, during her distinguished 47-year career in public service, Janet Rainey has protected the health and promoted the well-being of people across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey joined the Division of Vital Records as a typist in April 1975 and subsequently rose through the ranks of the organization, now known as the Office of Vital Records, becoming State Registrar of Vital Records in 2004; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Janet Rainey has administered Virginia's system of vital records and laws and regulations pertaining to vital records, and ensured the uniform and consistent governance of that system; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey has represented the Commonwealth on the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems' Security Committee, enhancing the security and integrity of vital records across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey has applied her knowledge of public health policy to ensure equal opportunities and access for residents of the Commonwealth through her dedicated work to eliminate discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey's work on birth registration, in coordination with the Virginia Equality Bar Association in 2015, helped to ensure that all children of the Commonwealth receive equal protection under Virginia law; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey helped modernize the Office of Vital Records by leading projects to automate records systems, enhancing efficiency and public access to records; and

WHEREAS, Janet Rainey exemplifies the ideals of public service and the profession of vital records administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Janet Rainey for her contributions to the health, welfare, and safety of Virginians on the occasion of her retirement as State Registrar of the Office of Vital Records; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Janet Rainey as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her professional achievements and best wishes on her well-earned retirement.

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