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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 625

Offered February 6, 2023

*Commending Joyce Waugh.*

Patrons—Austin, Head, McNamara and Rasoul; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2022, Joyce Waugh retired as president and chief executive officer of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce after 22 years of exceptional service to the organization and the region; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Waugh previously served as public relations director for the Roanoke Valley Psychiatric Center, now part of LewisGale Health System, and as assistant director of Roanoke County's Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, in July 2000, Joyce Waugh joined the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, one of the oldest and largest business advocacy organizations in the Commonwealth, as vice president of public policy and strategic issues; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Waugh became president and chief executive officer of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce in October 2008; her visionary leadership has helped the region endure economic downturns and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to remain one of the Commonwealth's premier places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Waugh's contributions have enhanced the Roanoke region's reputation as a hub for cutting-edge health care, higher education, technological advancement, and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Waugh has also provided her expertise to the Roanoke Regional Partnership, Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and many other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades over the course of her career, Joyce Waugh was selected as the 2012 Chamber Executive of the Year by the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; she was also the first woman in the Roanoke region to earn a certified economic developer designation from the International Economic Development Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joyce Waugh on the occasion of her retirement as president and chief executive officer of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joyce Waugh as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her work to enhance the quality of life in and around Roanoke and enhance the economic vitality of the region.

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