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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 498

Offered February 23, 2023

Commending Gwen P. Washington.

Patrons—Mundon King, Guzman, Lopez and Rasoul

WHEREAS, Gwen P. Washington, a behavior specialist at Dumfries Elementary School, has shown great dedication to her community while serving on the Town Council of Dumfries; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Washington has served on the Town Council of Dumfries for six years, where she works tirelessly to address the needs and concerns of her constituents; and

WHEREAS, in honor of her service, Gwen Washington was recognized at the Mayor's Choice Awards as part of the Dumfries Inaugural Mayor's Ball on April 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Washington hails from a family of trailblazers; she is the daughter of John Wilmer Porter, who also served on the Town Council of Dumfries and who was the first African American in Virginia since Reconstruction to be elected to public office, and Mary G. Porter, who was a teacher in Prince William County and part of the "Courageous Four" who were the first African American educators to teach in the county's previously all-white schools; and

WHEREAS, as a behavior specialist at Dumfries Elementary School, Gwen Washington equips her students with the knowledge and skills they need to grow and thrive both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, in training for her career, Gwen Washington earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and a master's degree in education from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, guided by her faith, Gwen Washington is an active member of Little Union Baptist Church in Dumfries, where she serves as a deaconess and in various other leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Washington has supported the education profession as a lifetime member of the National Education Association and the Virginia Education Association and numerous other worthwhile causes through her involvement with the NAACP, the Virginia Municipal League, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Women In Community Action, Inc., and the AARP; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Gwen P. Washington hereby be commended for her legacy of service as a member of the Town Council of Dumfries; and, be it

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

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