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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

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Commending Laura Jane Atkinson May Dwyer.

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WHEREAS, Laura Jane Atkinson May Dwyer, a longtime and dedicated employee of the Senate of Virginia, retired on April 28, 2006, after 36 years of extraordinary service to the Senate Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Jane Dwyer, a native of Richmond, graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Mary Baldwin College; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Jane Dwyer was employed by the Senate as an assistant proofreader and was first assigned to proof the *Senate Journal*; and

WHEREAS, Jane Dwyer later served as a proofreader and an assistant statute revisor during the General Assembly sessions, where nothing escaped her "eagle eye"; and

WHEREAS, Jane Dwyer's many responsibilities included assisting with the engrossment of amendments and the preparation of the daily session calendar, a duty that required her to come to work in the predawn hours to proof the calendar along with her colleague and longtime friend Louise Davis; and

WHEREAS, during the 1984 Session, Jane Dwyer made her first appearance in the Senate chamber as the desk clerk, managing the flow of work and operations of the General Assembly Session with her usual style and grace, and she continued to serve in that position with great distinction for the next 14 years; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the 1998 Session, Jane Dwyer returned to an earlier chapter in her career, resuming her involvement with the publication of the *Senate Journal*, and the journal staff again greatly benefited from her vast knowledge of the legislative process and her thoroughness in transcribing the Senate proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Jane Dwyer, a longtime and avid tennis player, golf enthusiast, world traveler, and a committed community volunteer, has finally and deservedly earned the right to enjoy her favorite pastimes and relax during the winter months at the height of the General Assembly Session; and

WHEREAS, few words can describe the outstanding dedication, professionalism, service, and enthusiasm that Jane Dwyer exhibited every day she walked through the doors of her beloved Capitol; and

WHEREAS, after 37 Sessions, Jane Dwyer feels confident that she can now retire, because she has ably prepared the staff of the Senate Clerk's Office "to carry the torch"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby commend and congratulate Laura Jane Atkinson May Dwyer on her exemplary career of service to the Senate and the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Laura Jane Atkinson May Dwyer as an expression of the Senate's appreciation for her many contributions and best wishes for a joyful and rewarding retirement.

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