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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 777

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Commending Elvira Shaw.

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WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw, a distinguished resident of Colonial Heights, received the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Andrus Award for her outstanding volunteer work and her unwavering support to the community; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is named after the founder of the AARP and awarded annually to only one extraordinary volunteer in each state; and

WHEREAS, as a truly engaged citizen, Elvira Shaw began advocating for the AARP in 1976; she has recruited and trained most of the state's volunteers and serves as a leader among her peers and for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw began her career as a public servant in 1961, when she was appointed secretary to the local electoral board; she became an executive member of the Virginia Electoral Board in 1974; and

WHEREAS, as the "Citizen Mayor of Colonial Heights," Elvira Shaw has served for 16 years on the Governor's Council on Aging and for 15 years as founder and member of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Justice Board, and she has served in various capacities for several organizations including the Central Virginia Health Planning Board, the Consumer Education Committee, the Board of Volunteerism, the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, the Richard Bland College Foundation, and the Crater Area Agency on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Elvira Shaw's valuable service and dedication to her community and throughout the Commonwealth is deserving of recognition and honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Elvira Shaw on receiving the AARP Andrus Award for her admirable service to and support of her fellow citizens; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elvira Shaw as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her many accomplishments and best wishes in future endeavors.

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