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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 778

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Commending Lamese Essey.

Patrons—Cox; Senator: Martin

WHEREAS, Lamese Essey retired on December 15, 2008, after 14 years of outstanding service as executive director of the Colonial Heights Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Lamese Essey moved to Colonial Heights in 1973 from Pittsburgh and accepted the position at the chamber of commerce in 1995; and

WHEREAS, eager to invigorate the Colonial Heights business community, Lamese Essey immediately began working with established local businesses, attracting new investment opportunities, and contributing to the overall solidarity of the city; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, one of Lamese Essey's major initiatives was revitalizing the Boulevard, a retail corridor largely populated by local businesses, by establishing private partnerships, increasing diversity of businesses and services, and serving on the Boulevard Revitalization and Beautification committee; and

WHEREAS, recently recognized by the Colonial Heights City Council for her outstanding services to the community, Lamese Essey also works as a sentinel, a volunteer police officer, and is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Lamese Essey has significantly contributed to the continuing business development of and investment in Colonial Heights and has been a triumphant advocate for local businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lamese Essey on 14 years of outstanding service to her fellow citizens as the executive director of the Colonial Heights 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 Lamese Essey as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her many accomplishments and best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement.

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