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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 912

Offered February 16, 2009

*Commending Audrey Harris.*

Patrons—Hall, Loupassi, McClellan, McQuinn, Morrissey and O'Bannon

WHEREAS, Audrey Harris of Richmond is commended for receiving the 2008 Outstanding Individual American Lawyers Auxiliary Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Individual American Lawyers Auxiliary Volunteer Award is given annually to a member who most effectively increases member and public understanding of the law and the American legal system; and

WHEREAS, a hard-working and committed volunteer, Audrey Harris has been a member of the Richmond Lawyers Auxiliary since its founding in 1973 and has served as recording secretary, vice president, and president of the organization; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1980s, Audrey Harris, recognized for her organizational and administrative ability, was appointed by Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Carrico as the Chairman of the Carrico Commission on Law-Related Education; and

WHEREAS, the task of the Commission was to encourage court tours for young people throughout the Commonwealth; Audrey Harris created a 107-page booklet for schools and auxiliaries to use in conjunction with the court tours program in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Harris organized the First Task Force for the Richmond Lawyers Auxiliary for the Court Docent Program, which began in the City of Richmond schools in 1980, with Henrico County schools later joining; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Harris continues to serve as a court docent for the City of Richmond School Program, which provides an opportunity for middle school students to meet members of the judicial system, tour the courthouse and jail, and learn more about the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Harris has generously given of her time and talents over the years to help educate the young people of Virginia on the legal and judicial systems of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Harris is actively involved at River Road Church, Baptist and received the 1995 Alumni Medallion from The College of William and Mary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Audrey Harris on receiving the 2008 Outstanding Individual American Lawyers Auxiliary Volunteer Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Audrey Harris as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on her well-deserved honor.

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