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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 272

Offered February 12, 2010

Commending Verdia L. Haywood.

Patrons—Scott, J.M., Albo, Bulova, Comstock, Ebbin, Englin, Herring, Hugo, Keam, Kory, LeMunyon, Plum, Rust, Sickles, Surovell and Watts; Senators: Barker, Howell, Marsden, Petersen, Puller, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple

WHEREAS, Verdia L. Haywood, the deputy county executive for human services in Fairfax County, retired on January 19, 2010, after more than 30 years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood attended public schools in Mississippi before earning a bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University and a master's degree from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood joined the Fairfax County government in 1978 as executive assistant to the county executive; in 1981 he was appointed deputy county executive for human services; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood has worked diligently and faithfully over the years to make human services more accessible to the people who need them; he oversaw several county departments and was a liaison to several boards, authorities, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader, Verdia Haywood worked with nonprofits, faith-based service groups, and Fairfax County departments to create a human services system that effectively serves those in need; and

WHEREAS, while Verdia Haywood has left Fairfax County government, he has developed a strong human services system, mentored and inspired a new generation of county leadership, and leaves behind a county government that is more compassionate and efficient in the delivery of human services; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood has received many awards and accolades throughout the years for his innovative and compassionate leadership, including the Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, Les Dorson Award from the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations, Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award from Leadership Fairfax, Inc., Good Neighbor Award from New Hope Housing, Arnold B. Kassabian Memorial Award from the Fairfax Bar Association, and Best of Reston honoree from Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood's commitment to efficient and innovative government services has increased the quality of service Fairfax County offers to its citizens in need of human services and provides a model for other local governments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Verdia L. Haywood, a dedicated public servant and outstanding Virginian, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Verdia L. Haywood as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his service to the citizens of Fairfax County and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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