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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 573

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Commending Suzanne Levy.

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WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy, the manager of the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library whose vast wealth of knowledge of Fairfax County and Virginia genealogy and history has aided countless patrons and researchers, will retire in 2012 after more than 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County and the Commonwealth have a long and storied history that has been documented and preserved over the years, enabling library patrons to research and study the past; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Suzanne Levy has overseen a collection that encompasses regional history and genealogy, local and state government information, Civil War history, maps, rare books, local newspapers, manuscripts, and photographs; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career with the Fairfax County Public Library system, Suzanne Levy has developed an extensive familiarity with the Virginia Room's resources that allows her to guide patrons and researchers to the appropriate resources to aid them in their requests; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy has also established a wide network of contacts among government officials, employees, university libraries, historical societies, and historians to whom she can refer patrons for more information and assistance; and

WHEREAS, a favorite among patrons from fourth graders to doctoral candidates for her in-depth knowledge and willingness to help, Suzanne Levy has helped make the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library an integral part of the greater historical community and an inviting place in which to conduct research; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy goes out of her way to assist patrons, pulling additional sources to assist in research, contacting one of her many sources for further information, and following up at a later date if she finds other information she thinks would be of interest; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy has made many valuable contributions to the work of the Fairfax County History Commission and led library volunteers as they have worked on research projects for the library and community; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy speaks to local groups about the Virginia Room's resources and provides tours to students, residents, and researchers, while also reaching out to community members as a member of organizations such as the Fairfax County Historical Society and Fairfax Genealogical Society; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Levy has operated a university-level research library within the Fairfax County Public Library system for more than three decades, and her superior service and management has enhanced both the reputation of the Virginia Room and the library system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Suzanne Levy hereby be commended for her distinguished service as manager of the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Suzanne Levy as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and appreciation for her exceptional service to the patrons of the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library and commitment to her profession.

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