HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280

Commending Patricia Keatts.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Patricia Keatts, who has served with great dedication and distinction as town clerk of the Town of Rocky Mount for 25 years, retired on January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Keatts became town clerk on January 2, 1990, when the office consisted of one table, one chair, a typewriter, and a file cabinet; today, the Town's municipal building bustles with activity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as town clerk, Patricia Keatts has been the executive assistant to the town manager of Rocky Mount, in which position she has worked with four town managers and five mayors during her career; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Keatts' tenure as town clerk included the conversion of the municipal

government of Rocky Mount from a mayoral to a town manager form of government; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Patricia Keatts obtained a Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and in 2010 she received the organization's Master Municipal Clerk designation; the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association named her Clerk of the Year in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Keatts also has served the community as a member of the board and chair of the Franklin County Family Resource Center and as a member of the boards of the Franklin County Court Appointed Special Advocates program and United Way of Franklin County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Patricia Keatts hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement in 2015 as town clerk of the Town of Rocky Mount for 25 years; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Patricia Keatts as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect and admiration for her many years of service to the people of Rocky Mount and the Commonwealth.