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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 666

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Commending Ursula Beverley Baxley.

Patrons—Webert and Cole; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, in October 2016, Ursula Beverley Baxley retired as the community volunteer coordinator for American Red Cross blood drives in Marshall; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Baxley first started donating blood in the 1980s as a way to give back to the community and help those in need; the American Red Cross estimates that less than 10 percent of eligible donors give blood each year; and

WHEREAS, as community volunteer coordinator for 25 years, Ursula Baxley worked to encourage more people to donate lifesaving blood by sending out postcard reminders, managing volunteers, and preparing refreshments, often baking cakes or other treats when she knew members of the community were celebrating special occasions; and

WHEREAS, Ursula Baxley helped turn the Marshall blood drive, which has operated since World War II, into a cherished community event, with about 45 residents donating blood at each drive; and

WHEREAS, having already donated 124 pints of blood to the American Red Cross over the years, Ursula Baxley will continue to support the Marshall blood drives after her well-earned retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Ursula Beverley Baxley on the occasion of her retirement as community volunteer coordinator for blood drives in Marshall; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ursula Beverley Baxley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her commitment to saving lives and making a difference in the community by donating blood.

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