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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 349

Offered January 31, 2017

Celebrating the life of Rebecca T. Dickson.

Patrons—Peake, Chase and Wagner; Delegates: Boysko, Cole, Hope, Jones, Landes, Leftwich, Lindsey, Massie, Minchew, Peace, Rasoul, Simon and Ware

WHEREAS, Rebecca T. Dickson of North Chesterfield, a longtime public servant and respected county administrator, died on January 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca "Becky" Dickson received a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson began her career in Chesterfield County in August 1990 as capital finance administrator; she was promoted to the position of assistant director of budget and management in 1996, to the position of director of budget and management in 1997, and to the position of deputy county administrator for human services in 2006; and

WHEREAS, during her long career, Becky Dickson attended both the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia and Leadership Metro Richmond; she was certified in the Malcolm Baldrige quality criteria for business and government and was a credentialed manager candidate through the International City/County Management Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Becky Dickson was hired as county administrator for Goochland County and admirably served the residents of the county through six years of diligent leadership; demonstrating exceptional fiscal management, she was instrumental in helping Goochland County earn a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson contributed incalculably to further successes of Goochland County governance by hiring capable and skilled staff, by overseeing strategic planning and legislative priorities, by informing and involving the community in decisions about public matters, and by being involved in virtually every facet of county government; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson was an active participant in the Virginia Local Government Management Association, including as a past president; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson concluded a long and distinguished career in public service with her retirement as county administrator of Goochland County on April 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson will be remembered for her generous and devoted service, achievements, and contributions; all who knew her are richer for her memory, and the Goochland community and the Commonwealth have lost a strong, forward-thinking leader, mentor, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Becky Dickson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her loving husband, Dennis S. Proffitt; daughter, Sarah T. Dickson; and many other beloved family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Rebecca T. Dickson, a longtime public servant and a respected county administrator; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Rebecca T. Dickson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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