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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 540

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Karen Russell.

Patrons—LaRock; Senators: Black and Vogel

WHEREAS, Karen Russell, a talented Loudoun County resident who diligently served the nonprofit organization Every Citizen Has Opportunities for 40 years, retired in December 2016 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, a Lovettsville native, Karen Russell joined Every Citizen Has Opportunities (ECHO) in 1977, shortly after its founding; the nonprofit organization works to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their optimal level of personal, social, and economic success through skill-building and job-placement programs; and

WHEREAS, Karen Russell began her service with ECHO as a secretary, bookkeeper, and transportation manager; she later served as the organization's marketing manager until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, a strong believer in the dignity and value of all individuals, Karen Russell worked closely with prospective employers as ECHO's marketing manager and was responsible for finding jobs for dozens of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless advocacy efforts, Karen Russell helped assemble a strong and diverse labor force of people with physical and developmental disabilities and forged partnerships with many government and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2017, Karen Russell was honored at a retirement reception attended by ECHO coworkers, clients, board members, and volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Russell on 40 years of valuable service to Every Citizen Has Opportunities and the Loudoun County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Russell as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her impressive career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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