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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1095**

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending Sharon Bulova.*

Patrons—Keam, Bulova, Carr, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Herring, Hugo, Kory, Krizek, Levine, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Samirah, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Thomas, Tran and Watts; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Sharon Bulova, chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, will retire from her position in the fall of 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pikesville, Maryland, Sharon Bulova has been a Northern Virginia resident since 1966, and raised four children with her husband Lou DeFalaise in the area; she entered public service in 1984, leaving her role as president of the Kings Park West Civic Association to become a legislative aide to former Supervisor Audrey C. Moore in what was then known as the Annandale District; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Bulova won her first election in 1987, representing the new Braddock District; during that era she brought order to what had previously been a chaotic budget process, with supervisors debating individual line items during marathon meetings that sometimes stretched past midnight; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Bulova is known as a genial and pragmatic elected official who builds consensus by working individually with each of her fellow supervisors; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Sharon Bulova addressed improving public transportation, transforming older industrial areas into mixed-use zones, job growth, investing in Fairfax County's education system, safety, supporting elders, and supporting affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Bulova championed a smart approach to regionalism by supporting the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's transformative regional Silver Line project, which opened in 2014; her leadership and service included involvement with Fairfax County's Governing Board to Prevent and End Homelessness; she also founded Faith Communities in Action, created the Communities of Trust Committee, and established the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations have recognized Sharon Bulova's accomplishments including the Virginia Transit Association, the Center for Non-Profit Advancement, the Workhouse Arts Foundation, and *Washingtonian* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Bulova spearheaded numerous civic projects including community budget dialogues, history initiatives, local events such as summer concerts, and a seasonal farmers' market; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sharon Bulova on the occasion of her retirement as chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sharon Bulova as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her civic contributions to life in Fairfax County.

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