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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 501

Offered March 2, 2020

Commending Mary Morris.

Patrons—LaRock, Delaney, Gooditis and Subramanyam; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, Mary Morris, a local historian and genealogy expert in Clarke County and longtime archivist with the Clarke County Historical Association, retired in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mary Morris learned archival skills at Handley Regional Library's Stewart Bell, Jr., Archives Room in Winchester; after years of working with the Handley Regional Library, the Clarke County Historical Association, and the Warren Heritage Society, Mary Morris took a full-time position with the Clarke County Historical Association in 1990; and

WHEREAS, alongside her work with the Clarke County Historical Association, Mary Morris has published several books, including an index of obituaries that greatly aids researchers studying Clarke County's history; and

WHEREAS, Mary Morris has furthered the mission of Clermont Farm in Berryville, an 18th-century farm that has been repurposed as a research and training site for students of history, historic preservation, and agriculture, by developing the institution's collections and establishing its database; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to the preservation and presentation of Virginia's history, Mary Morris received the Heritage Hero Award from the Mosby Heritage Area Association in 2016 and a professional achievement award from the Clarke County Historical Association in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mary Morris has provided an invaluable service to Clarke County and the Commonwealth through her careful stewardship of the county's historical documents, artifacts, and records; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mary Morris, a treasured civil servant dedicated to the preservation of Clarke County's history, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Morris as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her efforts to preserve the past and educate citizens of the Commonwealth.

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