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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 170

Offered February 25, 2020

*Commending Judith Ann White Wyatt.*

Patrons—Hanger, Barker, Cosgrove, Deeds, Howell, Obenshain and Spruill; Delegates: Avoli, Campbell, R.R., Cox, Gilbert, Kilgore, Morefield, Poindexter, Rasoul, Runion, Ware and Wilt

WHEREAS, Judith Ann White Wyatt of Augusta County, a former educator who served the Commonwealth for 18 years as legislative director to a member of the House of Delegates, retired on April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Westhampton College at the University of Richmond and Mary Baldwin College, Judith "Judy" Wyatt began her career in state government as a member of the Virginia Employment Commission; and

WHEREAS, Judy Wyatt subsequently worked as an educator for more than two decades, including five years as a long-term substitute teacher and 17 years as a full-time first-grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Judy Wyatt helped numerous students in Staunton City Schools develop a strong foundation for lifelong learning and especially enjoyed teaching children to appreciate the joy of reading; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Staunton Education Association, Judy Wyatt advocated for local teachers and worked with government and school officials to address important matters, including parity in teacher pay, and determine ways to better serve students; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Judy Wyatt joined the office of the Honorable R. Steven Landes, and she ably served the residents of parts of Albemarle, Augusta, and Rockingham counties in the 25th District until her retirement on April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a legislative director, Judy Wyatt oversaw staff members and monitored proposed legislation and relevant issues during sessions of the General Assembly and was committed to serving constituents throughout the year by maintaining good communication and helping members of the public stay engaged with government; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement, Judy Wyatt plans to spend more time with her beloved family, including her husband, Charles Bruce Wyatt, who has also served the Commonwealth, with 51 years of service in law enforcement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Judith Ann White Wyatt for her service to the Commonwealth as a legislative director in the House of Delegates; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Judith Ann White Wyatt as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements in service to the residents of the 25th District.

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