

# 2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 613

*Commending Brenda Clarkson.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 29, 2020

WHEREAS, after 12 years of service, Brenda Clarkson retired as the executive director of the Virginia Association for Hospices and Palliative Care in August 2020; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Clarkson was born, raised, and educated in England, where she began her palliative care career in 1978 as a volunteer in an English hospice; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Clarkson has worked exclusively in hospice care while living in the United States, becoming one of the country's first certified hospice nurses; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Clarkson was a founding board member of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and the second president in the association's history; she was a founding board member and the first president of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Clarkson has presented at state and national conferences on a wide range of topics, including compassion fatigue, nurse retention through mind and body technologies, communication skills, documentation for compliance, developmental stages of hospice team members, regulatory compliance, and clinical excellence; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exemplary career and service, Brenda Clarkson was honored by her peers as the recipient of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association's 2015 Vanguard Award; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Clarkson is the co-author of a seminal text on hospice care, *The Heart of Hospice: Core Competencies for Reclaiming the Mystery*, published in 2015; and

WHEREAS, hospice care has been enriched by Brenda Clarkson's meritorious service as the executive director of the Virginia Association for Hospices and Palliative Care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Brenda Clarkson hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Virginia Association for Hospices and Palliative Care; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brenda Clarkson as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her service to hospice team members, hospices, and the individuals who elect hospice for their end-of-life care in Virginia.

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