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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 731

Offered February 16, 2023

Commending Kathleen Burke Barrett.

Patrons—VanValkenburg, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Carr, McQuinn and Willett; Senator: Dunnivant

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burke Barrett, the longtime chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Villa in Henrico County, has worked diligently to provide help and hope to children with special needs and their families for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Kathleen Barrett has decades of experience in fundraising and management of nonprofit organizations; before joining St. Joseph's Villa in 2006, she served as chief executive officer of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, under Kathleen Barrett's leadership, St. Joseph's Villa more than tripled its capacity, cultivated significant community partnerships, and pioneered industry best practices to help children and families gain the tools and resources they need to reach their potential and live fuller, more independent lives; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Barrett's commitment to service and innovation helped St. Joseph's Villa develop a full suite of 18 integrated support services, including specialized education and in-home behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Barrett oversaw the establishment of the region's first Crisis Stabilization Unit for children's mental health and a community-based rapid rehousing program designed to reduce chronic homelessness in Richmond and the Tri-Cities; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Barrett launched the first series of capital campaigns in the 188-year history of St. Joseph's Villa, resulting in more than \$77 million in donations; the campaigns have supported the opening of the state-of-the-art Sarah Dooley Center for Autism as well as enhancements to St. Joseph's Villa's garden, recreational areas, and pedestrian paths; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Barrett has also offered her leadership and expertise to the Executive Committee of ChamberRVA, the Estate Planning Council of Richmond, the Bon Secours Mercy Health Foundation Board of Directors, and the Benedictine Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Kathleen Barrett has received the 2009 Henrico County Community Leader of the Year Award; the 2011 Outstanding Woman Award from the YWCA, the 2013 Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, and the 2017 Ukrop Community Vision Award from Leadership Metro Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kathleen Burke Barrett for her service as chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Villa; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kathleen Burke Barrett as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her personal and professional achievements and best wishes for the future.

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