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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 839

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Claudia Llana.

Patrons—Tran, Bennett-Parker, Bulova, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Helmer, Herring, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Plum, Seibold, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan and Watts; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen, Saslaw and Surovell

WHEREAS, Claudia Llana, an esteemed civil servant with the Virginia Department of Transportation who has most recently served as the director of transportation and land use for Fairfax and Arlington Counties, retires in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Llana joined the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in 1997 and rose through the ranks to become the Prince William County preliminary engineering manager in 2011, a position she held until becoming director of transportation and land use for Fairfax and Arlington Counties in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in her 25 years with VDOT, Claudia Llana has helped to shape and improve transportation safety in the Commonwealth through various projects and endeavors, including the SmartScale Program in Fairfax County and Prince William County, I-66, Route 1 widening and bus rapid transit project, Route 123 widening and interchange, and Route 1 widening in the Town of Dumfries; and

WHEREAS, through her exemplary leadership, Claudia Llana has engaged the community, state and local elected officials, and other stakeholders in Northern Virginia to quickly and proactively resolve issues involving traffic safety, pedestrian fatalities, and more; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Llana, who is fluent in Spanish, worked diligently to address questions from local residents and business owners who are Spanish speakers, ensuring that they received accurate information; and

WHEREAS, one of Claudia Llana's many notable achievements was the establishment of the first eruv in the Northern Virginia area, an initiative that has greatly improved the quality of life for the Northern Virginia Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Llana has been a mentor to others while at VDOT, and through her generous leadership, she cultivated the Commonwealth's next generation of transportation leaders and prepared the department for further success in the future; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at VDOT, Claudia Llana strove to meet the needs of all stakeholders, working exhaustively to develop relationships and to establish the amount of trust necessary to resolve challenging issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Llana's accomplishments at VDOT are the results of her collaborative, efficient, and highly effective approach and her unwavering dedication to the communities she serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Claudia Llana on the occasion of her retirement as the Virginia Department of Transportation's director of transportation and land use for Fairfax and Arlington Counties; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Claudia Llana as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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