## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 315**

Commending Patti G. Meire.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Patti G. Meire, an esteemed attorney and coordinator of the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program within the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, retired on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire was a distinguished graduate of the University of Mary Washington, and she continued her studies at Georgetown University Law Center, where she attended night classes while working full-time in the office of United States Senator Lawton Chiles, graduating magna cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire was admitted to the Virginia State Bar and spent over 15 years as an attorney in the private sector in the Commonwealth, including as an associate at the former Hunton & Williams LLP and later as an attorney for the former Reynolds Metals Company; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire was an active participant in the betterment of her community, serving for several years as a Cub Scout troop leader with the Boy Scouts of America, a Sunday school teacher at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, and a leader of The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church in Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire continued her legal career as a guardian ad litem in Henrico County for over seven years and was a dedicated, fair, and zealous advocate for the children she was appointed to represent, devoting uncounted additional hours to achieving successful outcomes for children and families of Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire served as coordinator for the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program within the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; under her leadership, she oversaw successful efforts to modernize and streamline the regulations, policies, and contracts governing the program and helped to increase the program's capacity by over 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Patti Meire masterfully led the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program through the COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented crisis that required significant additional engagement with service providers, rapid decision-making, and sustained periods of meritorious service;

WHEREAS, Patti Meire's efforts over the last six years have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Patti G. Meire, a respected attorney and coordinator of the Virginia Public Guardian and Conservator Program within the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, hereby be commended 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 Patti G. Meire as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her personal and professional achievements.