

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 363

Commending Laurie Rosalind Bailey Newsome.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023

WHEREAS, Laurie Rosalind Bailey Newsome, a treasured member of the Suffolk community, admirably served the country during World War II as a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps; and

WHEREAS, in response to a shortage of nurses during World War II, the United States Congress created the United States Cadet Nurse Corps in 1943, offering young women a subsidized education in nursing in exchange for their service; and

WHEREAS, born in Wakefield, Laurie "Laura" Rosalind Bailey Newsome attended Suffolk High School before enlisting with the United States Cadet Nurse Corps sometime between 1943 and 1944; and

WHEREAS, after completing her training at the Norfolk General Hospital School of Nursing, Laura Newsome was assigned to a United States veterans' hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she tended to the health and well-being of countless wounded service members; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Laura Newsome enjoyed a 40-year career as a nurse, serving at Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Obici Hospital in Suffolk, and Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, Laura Newsome's service to the country during World War II required dedication and courage and deserves the high praise and esteem of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Laurie Rosalind Bailey Newsome, a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and the country's "Greatest Generation," hereby be commended for her legacy of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Laurie Rosalind Bailey Newsome as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the nation.

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