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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered February 13, 2023

Commending Josephine Goodman.

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WHEREAS, Josephine Goodman, who has deep family roots in Powhatan County and has served the Powhatan County community for many years, completed her term on the Powhatan County Electoral Board in December 2022; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to charitable causes in the Powhatan community, Josephine Goodman was honored as the 2017 Powhatan Christmas Mother; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Josephine Goodman performed many functions on behalf of the Powhatan County Electoral Board in support of free and fair elections, serving as an officer of elections, precinct assistant chief, and chief of elections; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, the Powhatan County Democratic Committee nominated Josephine Goodman to serve as a member of the Powhatan County Electoral Board; and

WHEREAS, the Powhatan Electoral Board performs critical functions to safeguard fair and free elections, the bedrock of American democracy, including the appointment of the director of elections and support staff; the supervision of training for precinct election officials, the monitoring of all election procedures, and the certification of election results; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Goodman made history as the first African American appointed to serve on the Powhatan County Electoral Board, being sworn in at Powhatan's historic courthouse on February 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Goodman provided exceptional service to the Powhatan County Electoral Board for four years and ably served the board as vice chair during her tenure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Josephine Goodman for her service as a member of the Powhatan County Electoral Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Josephine Goodman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the residents of Powhatan County and the Commonwealth.

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