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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 131

Offered February 15, 2023

*Commending the Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann, an esteemed and respected commissioner of the State Corporation Commission, served in that capacity for almost 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann was elected as the 33rd Commissioner of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) by the General Assembly in 2006 and was reelected in 2012 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann adapted to the unique challenges of working for the SCC, which is an independent department of state government with delegated administrative and judicial powers; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann has had a long and distinguished career, serving the Commonwealth for more than 37 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the SCC, the General Assembly unanimously elected Judy Jagdmann as the 43rd Attorney General of Virginia in January 2005, filling a vacancy in the office; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann served as the Deputy Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Division from 1998 to 2005, where she supervised the operations of sectors specializing in trial, real estate, land use and construction, employment law, antitrust and consumer litigation, and insurance and utilities; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann served as counsel to the SCC from 1985 to 1998, representing the department and its staff on securities and utility matters; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann has taught regulatory and utility matters as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann received her undergraduate degree in history from the University of Virginia and received a law degree from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Judy Jagdmann earned the respect of her fellow state utility regulators throughout the United States, who elected her to serve as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 2021 to 2022, the first Virginian to serve in that prestigious national position; and

WHEREAS, during her long tenure of service as Commissioner of the SCC, Judy Jagdmann was regarded by all parties and persons who appeared before the department as a fair, intelligent, hard-working, and even-handed regulator and judge, one who listened to all sides of every issue and who never forgot that in all matters and cases the SCC's most important job was to advocate for and defend the public interest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann hereby be commended for her judicial acumen and her long and exemplary career in public service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her outstanding service with the State Corporation Commission and best wishes for her continued success.

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