

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 749
Offered June 27, 2024

Commending Jane Cabarrus.

Patron—

WHEREAS, Jane Cabarrus, a distinguished community activist and civic leader from Northampton County, was presented the Suzanne Wescoat Award by the board of directors of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore in 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1988, Jane Cabarrus became a founding director and first vice president of Citizens for a
10 Better Eastern Shore (CBES), fostering the creation of an organization that has been integral to the successful
11 and sustainable development of the Commonwealth's Eastern Shore over the past three decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Jane Cabarrus is notably the first woman to serve as president of the Northampton branch of
13 the NAACP; in this capacity, she established the Eastern Shore's Community Unity Day in partnership with
14 Northampton County Public Schools to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

15 WHEREAS, Jane Cabarrus spearheaded many significant community gatherings over the years, including
16 a longstanding Juneteenth parade and festivities at Exmore Town Park in Exmore and candidate and race
17 relations forums held in partnership with CBES; and

21 WHEREAS, drawing from her professional experience in health care, Jane Cabarrus regularly
22 incorporates free health care screenings into her events, promoting public health and well-being in the
23 Eastern Shore; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jane Cabarrus played a vital role in advocating at the state level on behalf of underserved and vulnerable populations, ensuring they received adequate care and protection; and

27 WHEREAS, Jane Cabarrus's parents were the founders of the legendary Giddens' Do-Drop Inn in
28 Franktown, a beloved restaurant and lounge that has been a hub of the Eastern Shore community for more
29 than 50 years, and she has dedicated herself to preserving the legacy of this cherished establishment for the
30 benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Jane Cabarrus is a pillar of the Eastern Shore whose devotion to her community and the welfare of others serves as inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jane Cabarrus hereby be commended for receiving the
34 Suzanne Wescoat Award from the board of directors of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore; and, be it

35 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
36 presentation to Jane Cabarrus as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to
37 the Eastern Shore and the Commonwealth.