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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered January 23, 2025

Commending Karen Evans Schwartzkopf.

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WHEREAS, Karen Evans Schwartzkopf, an accomplished writer, editor, and creator, retired in 2024 from her position as managing editor of *Richmond Family Magazine*, one of the Richmond area's leading family-lifestyle magazines; and

WHEREAS, Karen Evans Schwartzkopf holds a bachelor's degree in professional writing from Wheeling Jesuit College and previously worked as a public relations coordinator for the former Heilig-Meyers Company and as a managing editor of *All About Kids Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Karen Evans Schwartzkopf and her husband, Scott Schwartzkopf, creative director and graphic designer, joined *Richmond Family Magazine* in August 2009, and two months later the magazine's first issue was published, establishing an exceptional resource for parents and families in the Greater Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, under Karen Evans Schwartzkopf's leadership, *Richmond Family Magazine* grew into a publication that is distributed at more than 850 locations throughout the Central Virginia region and that is enjoyed by more than 100,000 families; and

WHEREAS, following Karen Evans Schwartzkopf's editorial guidance, *Richmond Family Magazine* today incorporates a variety of topics of interest to parents and families, including information about health and wellness, community activities and events, travel, food and recipes, arts and crafts, and local history; and

WHEREAS, Karen Evans Schwartzkopf has generously mentored numerous amateur and aspiring writers over the past 15 years, giving many the confidence to find their voice and develop their craft; and

WHEREAS, through her unwavering commitment to editorial excellence, Karen Evans Schwartzkopf has cemented the reputation of *Richmond Family Magazine* and made a meaningful and lasting impact on the Richmond community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Evans Schwartzkopf on the occasion of her retirement as managing editor of *Richmond Family Magazine*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Evans Schwartzkopf as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her service and best wishes in her future endeavors.

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