## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 743**

Commending Diantha McKeel.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2025 Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2025

WHEREAS, Diantha McKeel has served the Albemarle County community for nearly three decades, including 16 years on the Albemarle County School Board and 12 years on the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Staunton, Diantha McKeel pursued a career as a licensed nurse and spent many years working in the gynecology and cardiology departments at the University of Virginia before retiring in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in health care, Diantha McKeel spent 28 years in local government, beginning with the Albemarle County School Board, where she provided outstanding leadership to the students, faculty, and staff members of local schools; and

WHEREAS, Diantha McKeel was first elected to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors in 2013, representing the Jack Jouett District, a primarily suburban district located just northwest of Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, since every election after her first, Diantha McKeel has run for office without opposition, and she received more than 95 percent of the vote in both 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in local government, Diantha McKeel improved communication and coordination between Albemarle County Public Schools and county government and was an advocate for issues related to education; and

WHEREAS, Diantha McKeel further enhanced the quality of life in Albemarle County by supporting economic development, improvements to transportation infrastructure and public transit, and advancements in affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Diantha McKeel for her outstanding service as a member of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Diantha McKeel as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her personal and professional achievements.