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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 877

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending Kimberly Rucker.

Patron—Hope

WHEREAS, Kimberly Rucker, longtime chief deputy treasurer for Arlington County and an admired and respected leader within the Arlington County Treasurer's Office and other county departments, will retire on April 18, 2025, after a total of 33 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly “Kim” Rucker has deep roots in Arlington County, and members of her family have served the community in a wide variety of roles, with their combined terms of service exceeding 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Kim Rucker began her career in the Arlington County Treasurer's Office in 1990, distinguishing herself early and often as a leader among her peers; despite a brief hiatus, she ultimately spent the majority of the next three and a half decades working for the Arlington County Treasurer's Office; and

WHEREAS, Kim Rucker's accomplishments contributed to her steady rise through the ranks as she earned promotions over the years to assistant deputy, deputy, and finally chief deputy treasurer; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Commonwealth, Kim Rucker is recognized as a trailblazer in revenue collection techniques; she led the Compliance Division of the Arlington County Treasurer's Office to reduce the overall tax delinquency rate for Arlington County by 92 percent to its current low rate of 0.16 percent; and

WHEREAS, Kim Rucker spearheaded the creation of the Court Collections Program for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, which has since collected millions of dollars in delinquent court debt owed to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, during Kim Rucker's tenure, the collection techniques of the Arlington County Treasurer's Office have set the standard of excellence in the field of revenue collection and restitution for crime victims and have been emulated by similar offices throughout the Commonwealth and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in November 2013, Kim Rucker was one of Arlington's first deputy treasurers to earn the prestigious Master Governmental Deputy Treasurer Certification, designed to advance professionalism, education, and collaboration among the Commonwealth's treasurers and their staff; and

WHEREAS, Kim Rucker is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Arlington, a program of the Leadership Center of Arlington, the aim of which is to connect, develop, and inspire leaders for personal growth, civic engagement, and community impact; and

WHEREAS, Kim Rucker's invaluable participation in a variety of interagency activities and county working groups resulted in greater cooperation among Arlington County agencies, advanced the greater good of the Arlington County community, and led to her being recognized multiple times with such awards as the County Manager's Excellence Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kimberly Rucker hereby be commended for her 33 years of service on the occasion of her retirement as chief deputy treasurer for Arlington County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kimberly Rucker as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her legacy of contributions to the residents of Arlington County.

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