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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 936

Offered April 2, 2025

Commending Shirley Smith Johnson.

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WHEREAS, Shirley Smith Johnson, a devoted and long-standing employee with Fredericksburg City Public Schools, has greatly supported the education of young people and improved the lives of many over her extraordinary career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Johnson began her career with Fredericksburg City Public Schools (FCPS) in July 1974 as the clerk stenographer to the Personnel Office under Superintendent Robert C. Haynes and was promoted to secretary of Hugh Mercer Elementary School in 1981; and

WHEREAS, four years later, Shirley Johnson became the administrative assistant for Marguerite Young, Dr. Stewart Roberson, and Dr. Margaret Blackmon; she then assisted the director of student services, Mary Johnson, for some time; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Johnson worked alongside the Honorable Robert Edward Houck in his capacity with FCPS as part of a team that made a major and positive impact on the school division and the students and families it serves; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Shirley Johnson has worked with FCPS's director of preschool programs, director of pupil personnel, and director of equity and inclusion and school improvement, and she presently works with Dr. Andrea Bumbrey as the General Educational Development diploma registrar; and

WHEREAS, beyond her career with FCPS, Shirley Johnson is an active member of Second New Hope Baptist Church in Spotsylvania County, where she serves as a pianist and minister of music, and she has given generously of her time to support the Democratic Party over the years; and

WHEREAS, through her loyalty, dedication, and commitment to FCPS's students and families, Shirley Johnson has been integral to the school division's success over the past half-century, earning the esteem and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Shirley Smith Johnson hereby be commended for her legacy of service with Fredericksburg City Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Shirley Smith Johnson as an expression of the House of Delegates' high regard for her contributions to Fredericksburg and the Commonwealth.

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