

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 697

Commending Joyce Hurdle Trump.

Agreed to by the Senate, October 27, 2025

WHEREAS, Joyce Hurdle Trump, a distinguished and trailblazing educator and education administrator who has made an indelible mark on the Suffolk community through her unwavering commitment to education, civic service, and historical preservation, was presented the Suffolk First Citizen Award by the Rotary Club of Suffolk and the Rotary Club of North Suffolk in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Trump began her career in education in 1961 as a social studies teacher at Suffolk High School, advanced to the role of assistant principal 12 years later, and went on to hold a number of important administrative roles within Suffolk Public Schools and Franklin Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Joyce Trump made history when she became the first woman appointed to serve as superintendent of Suffolk Public Schools; under her leadership, the school division thrived, improving students' academic performance over nearly all categories while swiftly expanding to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, beyond education, Joyce Trump has dedicated herself to the well-being of Suffolk through her extensive involvement in civic endeavors, including as a founding member of the Obici Healthcare Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Trump has championed historical preservation efforts locally by helping to both revive the local Candlelight Tour with the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society and restore the cultural landmark Riddick's Folly and by volunteering with the Phillips-Dawson House Museum; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Trump has been a central figure in the Suffolk arts scene for several years through her support of the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts and the Suffolk Literary Club and through her service on the board of the Suffolk Art League; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Suffolk First Citizen Award, Joyce Trump has been recognized through a number of accolades over the years, including the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society's Teacher of the Year award in 1977, the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce's Athena Award in 1988, and the Old Dominion University School of Education's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996; and

WHEREAS, as an exemplar of servant leadership and mentor to her fellow community leaders, Joyce Trump has made a profound and lasting impact on Suffolk, earning her the esteem and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Joyce Hurdle Trump hereby be commended for being presented the 2025 Suffolk First Citizen Award by the Rotary Club of Suffolk and the Rotary Club of North Suffolk; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joyce Hurdle Trump as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's high regard for her legacy of service in Suffolk and for her extraordinary contributions to the Commonwealth.

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