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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 651

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4 *Commending Helen Page Warriner-Burke, Ph.D.*

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6 WHEREAS, Helen Page Warriner-Burke, Ph.D., an educator, community leader, and longtime  
7 volunteer with the Southside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has touched countless  
8 lives through her kindness and dedication to service; and

9 WHEREAS, Helen Warriner-Burke was born in Amelia County in 1935 and grew up on a tobacco  
10 farm where she worked the land with her family, learning the value of hard work at a young age by  
11 milking cows by hand, baling hay, hanging tobacco, and threshing wheat; and

12 WHEREAS, Helen Warriner-Burke graduated from Amelia County High School in 1952, then  
13 attended Longwood College, now Longwood University, from which she earned a bachelor's degree in  
14 Spanish in 1956; and

15 WHEREAS, Helen Warriner-Burke subsequently received a master's degree from the National  
16 Autonomous University of Mexico and a doctorate from The Ohio State University; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Warriner-Burke pursued a career as a Spanish teacher in Newport News Public  
18 Schools and was highly engaged in her profession; she was a charter member of the American Council  
19 for the Teaching of Foreign Languages and served as president of the organization in 1976; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Warriner-Burke served with the Virginia Department of Education as the director of  
21 foreign language education for nearly 30 years; she guided the creation of the Virginia Governor's Latin  
22 Academy and the development of advanced language study opportunities that matured into the Virginia  
23 Governor's World Language Academies; and

24 WHEREAS, in addition, Dr. Warriner-Burke served two terms on the Amelia County School Board  
25 and provided her leadership and expertise to her alma mater as a member of the Longwood University  
26 Board of Visitors from 2002 to 2010; she also served as rector and was a valued member of other  
27 university boards and task forces; and

28 WHEREAS, outside of her distinguished contributions to the field of education, Dr. Warriner-Burke  
29 has served on the board of the Southside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Southside  
30 SPCA) since 2004; and

31 WHEREAS, Dr. Warriner-Burke's leadership and faithful service to the Southside SPCA has helped  
32 the organization grow and better serve the needs of the residents of the Commonwealth and animals in  
33 need; and

34 WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Dr. Warriner-Burke has received the Cultural  
35 Laureate Award from the Virginia Cultural Laureate Foundation in 1977, the Distinguished Alumni  
36 Service Award from Longwood University in 1973 and 2004, and the Page Cook Axson McGaughy  
37 Lifetime Loyalty Award from Longwood University in 2017; now, therefore, be it

38 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Helen Page Warriner-Burke, Ph.D., hereby be  
39 commended on the occasion of her 20th year of service with the Southside Society for the Prevention of  
40 Cruelty to Animals; and, be it

41 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
42 for presentation to Helen Page Warriner-Burke, Ph.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates'  
43 congratulations and admiration for her continued volunteerism, civic spirit, and contributions to  
44 communities throughout the Commonwealth.

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