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December 10, 2020

Commission For Historical Statues In The United States Capitol

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- Dr. Fred Motley
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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing in support of Barbara Rose Johns being honored by placing a statue of this great Virginian in the U.S. Capitol to represent her state.

At the Farmville Town Council Meeting last night, Council voted unanimously to pass a Resolution of Support for a statue of Barbara Rose Johns to be placed in the U.S. Capitol. This Resolution is based on her actions in 1951 as part of the Civil Rights movement. Her actions were seen by others and acted upon, ultimately assisting to end segregation as part of the landmark Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka in 1954.

In closing, Barbara Rose Johns is an excellent choice to represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in the U.S. Capitol. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David E. Whitus
Mayor – Town of Farmville, VA

A.D. "Chuckie" Reid
Vice-Mayor – Town of Farmville



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A STATUE HONORING BARBARA ROSE JOHNS AT THE U.S. CAPITOL

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources’ Commission for Historical Statues in The United States Capitol is searching for a replacement of the Lee statue that is being removed from the U.S. Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Farmville Civil Rights Activist Barbara Rose Johns who recognized inequality at the age of 16 and seized on the moment without fear in 1951 by leading fellow classmates on a strike to protest substandard school conditions at Robert Russa Moton High School; and

WHEREAS, she led 450 of her classmates in a walkout strike to the School Superintendents’ Office demanding better conditions; and

WHEREAS, her efforts gained support of the NAACP, who filed suit at the Federal Courthouse in Richmond; Davis v. Prince Edward; and

WHEREAS, the suit became one of five cases reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954 during the hearings of Brown v Board of Education of Topeka when it declared segregation unconstitutional.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Farmville Town Council, does hereby endorse the placement of a statue honoring Barbara Rose Johns in the U.S. Capitol;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the Minute Book of the Farmville Town Council.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2020, by the Farmville Town Council, Farmville, Virginia.

The Honorable David E. Whitus – Mayor

A.D. CHUCKIE Reid

The Honorable A.D. “Chuckie” Reid – Vice Mayor:

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Attest:
Steven B. Wood, Clerk of Council