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## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

### Sally Thomas

**WHEREAS**, Sally Thomas has faithfully served the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for much of the past four decades, as both an appointed and elected official and as Chairman of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Thomas advocated for formation of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission and was one of the first members to serve on the Commission when it formed in the early 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Thomas ably has represented the County of Albemarle and the varied interests of its citizens, businesses and public officials alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission during Mrs. Thomas' tenure has resulted in a multitude of programs, plans and services that benefit the people of this region, including, but not limited to, improved accessibility to safe, decent housing for all people; a commitment to environmental stewardship; protection of rivers, streams, and water resources; economic vitality and entrepreneurship; improved mobility through transportation plans and projects; and regional human service and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) recognized Mrs. Thomas this past summer with an achievement award for her efforts in promoting regional planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robert W. Baker Achievement Award recognizes persons who have been involved directly in planning district commission activities and who have contributed significantly to promoting regional planning and development in Virginia.

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission during Mrs. Thomas' tenure has been greatly enhanced by the active participation, energetic initiative, and visionary and thoughtful approaches to regionalism that she brought to the discussion of Commission business; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission expresses its enduring gratitude and appreciation for the generous and exceptional service provided to this region by Sally Thomas.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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Carl Schmitt, Chairman