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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL RENAMES CHAMBERS TO HONOR FORMER TOWN CLERK

Dedication of Mary Ellen Higdon Ingram Council Chambers Set for June 8

Herndon, VA (May 26, 2009) – The Herndon Town Council has passed a resolution formally renaming the Council Chambers, located at 765 Lynn Street, as the Mary Ellen Higdon Ingram Council Chambers, to honor Ingram, who served as town clerk from 1975 to 1993.

In addition to her highly efficient and productive tenure as town clerk, Ingram also served as the town's first public information officer; in that capacity, she inaugurated the annual "At Home in Herndon" town calendar, as well as the town's monthly newsletter to citizens and other materials designed to enhance the town's image. She championed the town's membership in Sister Cities International, serving as its president and working toward the success of Herndon's lasting friendship with Runnymede, England, its Sister City.

Among the awards received by Ingram were the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Achievement Award in Communications in 1987 and 1992; the VML Certificate of Merit in Communications for four consecutive years, 1988 through 1991; the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association's Clerk of the Year in 1990; and the Herndon Woman of the Year in 1981 by the Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Ingram passed away on April 26, 2009.

Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and the Herndon Town Council are hosting a dedication ceremony in Ingram's honor on June 8 at 3 p.m. The event will be held at the Mary Ingram Council Chambers and is open to the public. RSVPs are requested; please contact the town clerk's office at (703)435-6804 or via email at town.clerk@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to

entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week Magazine* has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

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