

Ms. Ferguson

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Congrats on this lifetime award
It's easy to say that you are adored!
We thank you for a career of dedication
To that Leslie, we owe our appreciation...
While you'd rather be snorkeling with the fish,
You accepted the desk-job pos-ish
To gain the clout and the voice
To steer a state agency towards the better choice
That encouraged proper restoration
And collaboration,
Which has led to a career of achievement, that is a cause for celebration
Even though you have to shift through the bureaucratic gunk
You are never in a funk
Rather you maintain a contagious spunk
It must be all of the hot chocolate
That keeps your eye on the docket
Not to mention, we appreciate your well-rounded style
Getting things done, maintaining relationships all the while
From working with action-oriented folks to the creative brilliant slow pokes
You respect all people, no joke.
While others with as many years, think they'd know it all by now
You don't maintain that position somehow
You are always up for continued learning
And your mind is constantly churning
Hence your laundry list of questions unfold
While, if left uncontrolled
Skew meetings beyond their allotted threshold
Yet I think we'd all agree (your partners) these moments are gold.
Thank you for all your hard work
We've all gained from your careful and persuasive footwork
You've taught us all well,
Let's keep it fun
To get stuff done
Hats off to you Ms. Ferguson!