HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 390

Commending Tetra Partnerships.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 2008 Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2008

WHEREAS, Tetra Partnerships was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith, Inc., with a prestigious 2008 Best of Reston award; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards were established to recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the Reston community and improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Tetra Partnerships, under the direction of president and founder William Lauer, is a multifaceted commercial real estate development, sales, and property management firm located in Reston; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1978, Tetra Partnerships has developed into a company that embraces the importance of regional growth, leading other firms toward a stronger business community; and

WHEREAS, committed to investing in the future of the Reston community, Tetra Partnerships received the Small Business of the Year award in 2006 from the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Best Mixed-Use Project Award in 2006 from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, and three awards for outstanding service from the National Commercial Builders Council; and

WHEREAS, William Lauer has been a great supporter of many civic organizations and serves as a board member of Reston Interfaith, Inc., and Reston Interfaith Housing Corporation, as a member of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, and has been actively involved in the projects of Habitat for Humanity, HomeAid, and Carpenter's Shelter; and

WHEREAS, William Lauer works diligently to preserve affordable housing as a member of Fairfax County's Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee, and he was instrumental in securing support from local businesses to dedicate a penny of the Fairfax County real estate tax to establish the first local housing trust fund in Virginia, which has resulted in the preservation of 2,200 affordable homes for area citizens; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the well-being of children for more than 20 years, William Lauer has generously given his time and resources as a board member of Devotion to Children, an organization that is dedicated to fulfilling the needs of children, ages six and younger; and

WHEREAS, Tetra Partnerships and William Lauer also support Ronald McDonald House at INOVA Fairfax Hospital and Joe Gibbs' Youth for Tomorrow, and the company also renovated Alternative House, a crisis intervention center for at-risk youth, teens, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Tetra Partnerships has worked with great energy and dedication to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of Fairfax County; now, therefore, be it

RÉSOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Tetra Partnerships on its outstanding service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and on its well-deserved honor as a 2008 Best of Reston award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William Lauer and Tetra Partnerships as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for the company's many efforts on behalf of the community of Reston.