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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 490

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Commending Verdia Haywood.

Patrons—Howell; Delegates: Plum and Rust

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith, Inc., with a prestigious 2009 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, a native of Mississippi, Verdia Haywood began his government career as a budget analyst for the City of Richmond and then moved to Fairfax County in 1978 to serve as liaison from the County Executive's office to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, when the office was reorganized, Verdia Haywood became the first deputy county executive for Human Services, a position he holds today; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood has worked diligently and faithfully over the years to make human services more accessible to the people who need them; he oversees several county departments and is a liaison to several boards, authorities, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood brought together service providers for the homeless and successfully competed for millions of federal dollars to build transitional and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, a visionary and creative leader, Verdia Haywood created the Consolidated Community Fund Pool, which brought new coherence to Fairfax County's method of investing in nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood has also facilitated the community-driven response to emerging issues with the creation of the Long Term Care Task Force and the Community Interfaith Liaison; and

WHEREAS, Verdia Haywood's commitment to efficient and innovative government services has increased the quality of service Fairfax County offers to its citizens in need of human services and provides a model for other local governments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Verdia Haywood on his outstanding service to the citizens of Northern Virginia and on his well-deserved honor as a 2009 Best of Reston award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Verdia Haywood as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the community of Reston.

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