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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 433

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Commending Maude Hair Salon.

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WHEREAS, Maude Hair Salon and its founder-owners, Tina Jay, Vanessa Rose, and Celeste Williams, were honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith, Inc., with its prestigious 2011 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 greater Reston community and improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, a unique and successful hair salon in historic downtown Herndon, Maude Hair Salon serves as a model for small businesses, which are the backbone of the local economy, with its commitment to quality services, employee development and welfare, and emphasis on the importance of giving back to build community; and

WHEREAS, the founders and owners of Maude Hair Salon—Tina Jay, Vanessa Rose, and Celeste Williams—had a vision for a salon that would offer a fun and enriching work environment that fostered creativity and advanced their craft by mentoring those starting out in the field, while creating a place that is an integral part of the community they grew up in; and

WHEREAS, Maude Hair Salon epitomizes Virginia's workforce development and job growth goals through its innovative in-house two-year apprentice training program for young women and men who cannot afford school; and

WHEREAS, Maude Hair Salon has consistently looked for ways to deepen its involvement with community charitable organizations, continuously hosting food, coat, toy, and gift drives that engage Maude employees, clients, and community members in efforts to give back as seen in its unique statement on philanthropy, "Thank you for allowing us to give back to our community!"; and

WHEREAS, even as a start-up business, Maude Hair Salon never said no when an organization knocked on the door, contributing thousands of dollars and volunteer hours to the Herndon Council for the Arts, South Lakes boys' basketball team, Reston Interfaith, YMCA-Reston, Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Jimmy's Old Town Tavern Mardi Gras Party for Charity, Jimmy's Race for MS, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society "Light the Night," Dranesville Elementary School PTA, Herndon Elementary School PTA, Trust Cycling Team for Multiple Sclerosis, Herndon Festival, Water for People, Friends of Animals, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, among others; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that traditional holiday gift drives bring joy for needy children, Maude Hair Salon established the "No Mother Left Behind" campaign to support hardworking, struggling mothers who are trying to create a better life for their children, thus creating awareness of Reston Interfaith's mission and opportunities for Maude Hair Salon clients to bring unexpected joy to their "sisters" by donating beauty and luxury items to encourage these special mothers; and

WHEREAS, Maude Hair Salon has been awarded the highest technical, sales, and service awards in the industry, was acknowledged in *Salon Magazine* for incorporating "green" techniques in its business, and was recognized as the number one hair salon by *Northern Virginia Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Maude Hair Salon is a valuable partner of the greater Reston community, helping to build and sustain the economy, its workforce, and the community, as well as providing an excellent model for other organizations across the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Maude Hair Salon and its founders, Tina Jay, Vanessa Rose, and Celeste Williams, on the salon's outstanding service to the residents of Northern Virginia and on its well-deserved honor as a 2011 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 Maude Hair Salon as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of the salon's many achievements and best wishes for continued success.

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