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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 860

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Commending the Unison Preservation Society.

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WHEREAS, the Unison Preservation Society, a nonprofit group dedicated to the care and protection of the historic Village of Unison, received the Preservationist of the Year award on May 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, nestled between picturesque horse farms and beautiful estates, the Village of Unison has maintained the same quiet charm since it was founded in the 1730s; and

WHEREAS, incorporated in 2001, the Unison Preservation Society (UPS) has worked closely with landowners, stakeholders, Civil War historians, and state and federal authorities in and around the Village of Unison and throughout the Commonwealth to study, secure, and maintain battlefields; educate the public about the area's history; and beautify the village through tree planting and clean-up initiatives; and

WHEREAS, every year, the Loudoun Preservation Society honors one individual or group that has made exceptional contributions to preservation efforts in Loudoun County with the Preservationist of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, the UPS received the award for creating the Unison Battlefield Historic District on the 8,000-acre site of the American Civil War Battle of Unison; the result of a six-year project, the Unison Battlefield Historic District was added to state and national landmark registries in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Unison remains one of the best-preserved original Loudoun County settlements thanks largely to the efforts of the volunteers at the UPS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Unison Preservation Society and its dedicated citizen-leaders for receiving the Preservationist of the Year award for their outstanding work in rekindling the historical appreciation of the November 1862 Battle of Unison and preserving the scenic and historical vistas of the Unison community for future generations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Unison Preservation Society as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's achievements in preserving the history of the Village of Unison.

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