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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 134

Offered February 12, 2014

Commending Brennan & Waite, P.L.C.

Patrons—Howell; Delegates: Plum and Rust

WHEREAS, Brennan & Waite, P.L.C., was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2014 Best of Reston Award in the Small Business Leader category; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the lives of people throughout the greater Reston area; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Matthew Brennan and his late wife, Carol Waite, founded Brennan & Waite as a community-focused legal firm; the couple both believed deeply in the importance of community service and involvement, principals that the members of the firm uphold to this day; and

WHEREAS, Brennan & Waite supports many organizations, including Habitat for Humanity and the Mosaic Harmony Choir; the firm has helped the Vienna Rotary Club raise over \$100,000 to support other charitable organizations and donated many hours of pro-bono legal work to Let's Help Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to local families; and

WHEREAS, representing Brennan & Waite on the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce since 1995, Matthew Brennan has helped the chamber grow into one of the largest and most successful in the region, with over 100 members; he is actively involved in every step of many local events, from planning and sponsoring to volunteer coordination and clean up; and

WHEREAS, as the chair of the board of directors for Leadership Fairfax since 2012, Matthew Brennan educates members of the community on the importance of service and mentors community leaders on how to be proactive in finding ways to enhance the region; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Brennan has helped thousands of young people learn good decision-making skills and prepare for real-world ethical dilemmas by developing and participating in the South Lakes High School Ethics Day; and

WHEREAS, countless individuals, organizations, and businesses in the Reston area have benefitted from the outreach and leadership provided by Brennan & Waite and the tireless dedication to the community shown by Matthew Brennan and Carol Waite; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brennan & Waite, P.L.C., for its efforts to support the community and on its well-deserved honor as a 2014 Best of Reston Award recipient in the Small Business Leader category; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brennan & Waite, P.L.C., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the firm's enduring commitment to charitable service and responsible community involvement.

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