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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 136

Offered February 12, 2014

Commending Bonnie Haukness.

Patrons—Howell; Delegates: Plum and Rust

WHEREAS, Bonnie Haukness was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2014 Best of Reston Award in the Individual Community 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, a native of North Dakota, Bonnie Haukness was raised to appreciate the importance of togetherness and community spirit; after studying about the community of Reston in college, she moved to the area in 1975 and has worked to preserve and promote the community's unique dynamic for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the board of the Reston Historic Trust, which operates the Reston Museum, Bonnie Haukness has chaired the Reston Home Tour fundraiser for the past seven years; the event highlights the diversity of the Reston community and showcases different homes and structures, including innovative designs meant to protect and preserve the environment; and

WHEREAS, under Bonnie Haukness' devoted leadership, the Reston Home Tour has consistently been a success; the tour sold out for the first time in 2010 and has earned over \$20,000 annually to support the Reston Museum, which further promotes the community's message and character; and

WHEREAS, as the chair of the Capitol Steps Gala, Bonnie Haukness, through her tireless dedication and boundless enthusiasm, helped the event raise over \$147,000 in 2013 for Cornerstones, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides support and promotes self-sufficiency for those in need; and

WHEREAS, an integral member of the Greater Reston Arts Center, Bonnie Haukness helps ensure the success of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, which provides a high-quality venue for artists from around the country and draws over 50,000 people to Reston Town Center; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to building bright futures for the youth of the Reston community, Bonnie Haukness serves as the vice chair of the board of the Friends of Reston; she has led initiatives to raise money for students to further their educations by attending the Reston Association Day Camp; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bonnie Haukness for her hundreds of hours of humble, heartfelt service to the community and on her well-deserved honor as a 2014 Best of Reston Award recipient in the Individual Community Leader category; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bonnie Haukness as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to preserving and promoting the Reston ideals to the benefit of the entire community.

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