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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

Offered January 27, 2016

Commending Martha Boneta.

Patrons—Freitas, Bell, Robert B. and Pogge; Senators: Reeves, Chase, Garrett and Petersen

WHEREAS, Martha Boneta, the founder of the Small Family Farm Foundation and a passionate advocate for family farmers and property rights in the Commonwealth, was named one of America's 45 Most Amazing Women by *Country Woman Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, *Country Woman Magazine's* 45 Most Amazing Women in America award honors women who have made exceptional contributions to agrarian life in their communities and the country as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Martha Boneta was the driving force behind the passage of what became known as the Boneta Bill, which provided more opportunities for farmers; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Martha Boneta further strengthened conservation easements with the passage of the second Boneta Bill, which provided an opportunity for an alternative dispute resolution between land trusts and landowners; and

WHEREAS, Martha Boneta serves on the board of directors for Keep Virginia Beautiful, the mission of which is to unite Virginians to improve the Commonwealth's scenic, natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Martha Boneta also serves on a roundtable of the Private Property Rights Caucus in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Property Rights Foundation of America named Martha Boneta a Property Rights Grassroots Leader, and an acclaimed documentary highlighting her passion for farming received the People's Choice Award at the Anthem Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, Martha Boneta is a positive inspiration to many farmers and fellow property rights activists throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Martha Boneta on being named one of America's 45 Most Amazing Women for her passionate advocacy for family farmers and property rights; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Martha Boneta as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her stellar achievements and great contributions to the Commonwealth.

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