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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 938

Offered February 12, 2019

Commending Kurt Rose.

Patrons—Plum; Senators: Boysko and Howell

WHEREAS, Kurt Rose, a jewelry designer and co-owner of Aspen Jewelry Designs, a business that gives back to the community, was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2019 Cornerstones of Our Community Best of Reston Award; 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, Kurt Rose was raised in Reston, graduated from South Lakes High School in 1985, and in 1984, started working part time at Reston International Jewelers; over the next few years, he received certificates in diamond identification and grading and colored gemstone identification and grading from the Gemology Institute of America; he opened Aspen Jewelry Designs in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Rose is dedicated to making the Reston community sparkle through community service; he brings energy, ideas, and collaboration to multiple organizations that benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, Kurt Rose has been involved in numerous philanthropic activities in Reston and Herndon to better the community, including Kids R First, the Reston Historic Trust, the Imagination Library, Readers Are Leaders, the South Lakes Band Boosters, the Reston YMCA, the Rotary Club of Herndon, and schools in Reston; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Rose donates articles from Aspen Jewelry Designs towards good causes; his contributions and work positively impact thousands of people in the areas of the arts and social services, bringing an infectious positive attitude that motivates others to join his efforts to make Reston a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Rose has received several awards and distinctions for his efforts and contributions to the Reston community; he received the YMCA's Joseph L. Ritchey Community Service Award in 2015 and the Exceptional Philanthropic Award from Kids R First in 2014; he served as president and sergeant at arms of Rotary District 7610, and was the Paul Harris Fellow with the Rotary Club of Herndon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kurt Rose, jewelry designer and co-owner of Aspen Jewelry Designs, a business that gives back to the community, for his well-deserved honor as a 2019 Best of Reston award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kurt Rose as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.

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