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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 389

Offered February 21, 2019

Commending Karen Legato.

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WHEREAS, Karen Legato, executive director of the Health Brigade in Richmond, was selected as a 2018 Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year for her role in leading the Health Brigade to serve the medical needs of the underserved; and

WHEREAS, Karen Legato was raised in Roanoke and, as a first-generation Lebanese-American, faced prejudices that developed and enhanced her compassion for others who endure the same in marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Karen Legato has three decades of experience working with nonprofit organizations; she has led the Health Brigade, formerly the Fan Free Clinic, since 2010, and in that time has greatly expanded the reach of its services; and

WHEREAS, Karen Legato is gifted in bridging communities that might otherwise be at odds with each other and supporting vulnerable communities; she is known for work she has led in connecting the transgender community in Richmond to health care providers; and

WHEREAS, Karen Legato earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University, and a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Karen Legato, executive director of the Health Brigade in Richmond, hereby be commended for being named a 2018 Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Legato as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her passion for social justice.

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