

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 389

Commending Karen Legato.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

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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