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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 391

Offered February 11, 2019

Commending Margaret D. Parker.

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WHEREAS, Margaret D. Parker, a member of the executive team of Comstock Companies, who played a vital role in bringing a Washington Metro Silver Line station to Reston, 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, as a member of the real estate firm Comstock Companies, Margaret "Maggie" Parker has worked with Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and Herndon to enhance the region around the Silver Line by creating vibrant mixed-use developments and facilitating innovative public-private partnerships; and

WHEREAS, with her boundless enthusiasm, magnetic charisma, and unparalleled work ethic, Maggie Parker is a proactive leader and a skilled communicator who builds consensus and can inspire others to achieve excellence in any project; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Parker has offered her expertise to the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, and numerous local planning initiatives, including the realization of the Wiehle-Reston East Metro station project; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Parker is a tireless booster for the Reston community, supporting Cornerstones, the Greater Reston Arts Center, the Reston Community Center, the Reston Historic Trust, the Potomac School, and Reston Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, as chair of Public Art Reston, Maggie Parker has advanced the organization's mission to support public art projects in Reston and Fairfax County by strengthening administrative resources, building connections with local developers and government agencies, and leading fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, over the past 30 years, Maggie Parker's volunteer efforts and professional leadership have benefited tens of thousands of community members; in 2018, she was recognized by Leadership Fairfax with a Northern Virginia Leadership Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Margaret D. Parker for her exceptional leadership in the region and on the well-deserved honor as a 2019 Best of Reston award recipient; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Margaret D. Parker as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.