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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 392

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Commending Synergy Design & Construction.

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WHEREAS, Synergy Design & Construction, an innovative home design and renovation firm that gives back to the community through generous volunteer service, 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, founded by Mina and Mark Fries, Synergy Design & Construction offers a unique approach to home design and construction through *The Renovation Roadmap*, a project management system for home remodeling that utilizes Mina's expertise in Interior Alignment and Mark's years of experience in retail management; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its nine years of service to the community, Synergy Design & Construction has grown from a team of three people to a team of 14, many of whom are longtime Reston residents; the company emphasizes volunteerism and good citizenship and regularly seeks opportunities to engage with the community; and

WHEREAS, Synergy Design & Construction donates unwanted items from home renovations, such as furniture, appliances, and cabinetry to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and directly to members of the community in need; members of the company have also completed exterior home repair projects for local residents through the Reston Association's Helping Homes Project; and

WHEREAS, Synergy Design & Construction supports young people by dedicating time and resources to the Special Olympics and other youth athletics programs, participating in Ethics Day and Career Day at South Lakes High School, and coordinating programs for students through the Greater Reston Arts Center: and

WHEREAS, members of Synergy Design & Construction have volunteered for events at the Artemis House, Women Giving Back, the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, and LINK food banks, among many others, and host fundraisers, auctions, and drives to benefit the Loudoun First Responders Foundation, Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the United Way; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Synergy Design & Construction for its legacy of contributions to the Reston community 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 Synergy Design & Construction as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's enduring commitment to making Reston a special place to live, work, and play.