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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Offered February 26, 2020

Commending Priscilla Martinez.

Patrons—Murphy, Gooditis, Plum, Rasoul, Reid, Samirah, Subramanyam and Sullivan; Senators: Boysko, Favola, Bell and Vogel

WHEREAS, Priscilla Martinez is a community activist in Loudoun County who has worked tirelessly to improve interfaith relations, support racial justice and reconciliation, heighten environmental awareness and stewardship, and promote education for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, as a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member and leader of Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES since 2006, Priscilla Martinez has fought prejudice and discrimination while cultivating harmonious relations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Priscilla Martinez has been actively involved in the planning and development of the African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, including participation in the Eagle Scout service project organized by her son, Mikael, to create the Journey to Freedom Heritage Trail, a 400-foot trail loop honoring a burial site of 40 enslaved people; and

WHEREAS, a member of Interfaith Power & Light, a national environmental advocacy organization, and previously serving on the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, Priscilla Martinez has contributed greatly toward sustainability and environmental conservation efforts in her region; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the well-being of the children in her community, Priscilla Martinez has served in various leadership positions with the Boy Scouts of America, including membership on the board of directors of the National Capitol Area Council, as well as the Girl Scouts of the USA; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Purcellville Public Library Advisory Board and a former member of the board of directors of The Organization of Virginia Homeschoolers, Priscilla Martinez has fostered the educational efforts of both adults and children in Loudoun County and throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, guided through life by her deep and abiding faith, Priscilla Martinez has long been a member of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, known as the ADAMS Center, where she serves on the Interfaith, Media, & Government Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her years working to fight injustice and promote inclusivity, Priscilla Martinez received the Ann Robinson Social Justice Award from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun at its annual Loudoun Falls for Social Justice event in 2018; and

WHEREAS, through her indefatigable efforts to support worthy causes and improve the lives of others, Priscilla Martinez embodies what makes Loudoun County such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Priscilla Martinez, a community leader in Loudoun County, for her many years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Priscilla Martinez as an expression of the House of Delegates' heartfelt admiration and profound respect for her contributions to Loudoun County and the Commonwealth.

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