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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

Offered March 2, 2020

*Commending Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee.*

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WHEREAS, Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee were honored at the 27th annual Loudoun History Awards at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, both local historians, Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee were recognized for contributing to the preservation and study of Loudoun County's history through their research and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Lee Lawrence notably supported the restoration and study of a historic structure that was likely the former quarters of an African American family in the 19th century, saving the building that is now located along the Fauquier-Loudoun county line in Upperville from certain destruction; and

WHEREAS, Lee Lawrence has helped restore a former church in Mountville, served three years on the Mosby Heritage Area Association board of directors, and transcribed and edited two publications of Loudoun women's diaries, offering valuable insights into the region's history; and

WHEREAS, Carol Lee was the inspiration and impetus behind the Village of Willisville's recent induction into the National Register of Historic Places; located in western Loudoun County and dating to the early 19th century, Willisville is currently the only African American village in the county to be individually recognized by this national distinction; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish her objective, Carol Lee partnered with the Mosby Heritage Area Association and established the Willisville Preservation Foundation, supporting the organization with funds she raised at a highly attended gospel concert charity event; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the tireless efforts of Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee, residents and visitors of Loudoun County will be able to better understand and appreciate the region's history for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee hereby be commended for being honored at the 2019 Loudoun History Awards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Lee Lawrence and Carol Lee as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their dedication to preserving and presenting the history of the Commonwealth.

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