

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 207

Commending Joann S.M. Bagnerise.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Joann S.M. Bagnerise, a longtime resident of Prince William County and a grassroots community leader who has touched countless lives through her volunteer service, received the Lifetime Humanitarian Award at the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Banquet on March 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise has been recognized by many prominent figures, including Coretta Scott King, Myrlie Evers-Williams, and Alma and Colin Powell, for her work during the Civil Rights Movement at the local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise was a volunteer at the White House for more than 22 years under four presidential administrations, a member of the Jennie Dean Memorial Committee, and a volunteer for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial on the National Mall; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise served as cofounder of Prince William County's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration and has helped the event grow into one of largest such commemorations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise is a charter member of the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and she is an active participant in Delta Days in the Nation's Capital and Delta Days at the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise has offered her leadership and expertise to the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association, the National Council of Negro Women, Unity in the Community, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Prince William County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise participated in the Northern Virginia Civil Rights Oral History Project organized by George Mason University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences to preserve the history and heritage of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Joann Bagnerise has earned numerous other awards and accolades, including the 2012 President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama, the Prince William County Human Rights Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the NAACP, among many others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Joann S.M. Bagnerise, winner of the 2019 Lifetime Humanitarian Award, hereby be commended for her outstanding community service in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joann S.M. Bagnerise as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Prince William County community and legacy of servant leadership.

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