

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

*Commending Diana Christopulos.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Diana Christopulos, leading advocate for environmental conservancy in the Roanoke Valley region, was named the 2019 National Cox Conserves Hero on October 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the National Cox Conserves Hero award is presented by the James M. Cox Foundation on behalf of Cox Enterprises and The Trust for Public Land, recognizing volunteers who create, preserve, or enhance shared outdoor spaces in their local communities; the recipient is awarded \$50,000 that they designate to the nonprofit of their choice; and

WHEREAS, after winning the state-level competition, Diana Christopulos was selected for the National Cox Conserves Hero award after garnering the most votes in an online poll among eight other state finalists; and

WHEREAS, Diana Christopulos has directed her award to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, protecting the landscape along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia and furthering her longtime commitment to shepherd the region's outdoors for the enjoyment of others; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy and the Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition and past president of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, Diana Christopulos already had a profound influence on conservation efforts in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as an authority on environmental conservation in the region, Diana Christopulos consults regularly with local governments and businesses on how they can reduce their carbon footprints and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, due to Diana Christopulos' tireless efforts, future generations of the Roanoke Valley will be better able to experience the rich and abundant nature the region has to offer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Diana Christopulos, champion of environmental causes in the Roanoke Valley, hereby be commended for her distinction as the 2019 National Cox Conserves Hero; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Diana Christopulos as an expression of the House of Delegates' deep appreciation for her service to the Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth.

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