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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 538

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Commending Lorna L. Parkins.

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WHEREAS, Lorna L. Parkins, vice president of the engineering and consulting firm Michael Baker International, was inducted into the American Institute of Certified Planner's College of Fellows in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the American Institute of Certified Planners is the professional institute of the American Planning Association, and induction into its College of Fellows is the highest honor the organization bestows upon its members; and

WHEREAS, working in both the public and private sectors over the past 30 years, Lorna Parkins has performed numerous feasibility studies, long-range models, and quantitative analyses for transportation projects throughout the Mid-Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, with an eye to the lasting impacts of transportation planning decisions, Lorna Parkins arduously studies the relationships between transportation, land use, and economic development, utilizing data-driven analysis to support innovation and sustainability across various projects; and

WHEREAS, by incorporating community impact assessments in her studies, Lorna Parkins has bolstered awareness of social and environmental factors in the transportation investments she has overseen; and

WHEREAS, with concern for the effect transportation projects have on communities, Lorna Parkins has effectively argued in favor of transit planning that improves residents' access to jobs, leading to increased transit ridership despite national trends to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her industry for the past three decades, Lorna Parkins has been a mentor and role model to other women in her field throughout her career; her advocacy has led to more accommodating policies in the workplace and improved the retention of female planning professionals; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless commitment to responsible transportation planning, Lorna Parkins has ensured the Commonwealth's growth and development will be mindful of citizens and their communities for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Lorna L. Parkins, an esteemed transportation planner with Michael Baker International, hereby be commended on the occasion of her induction into the American Institute of Certified Planner's College of Fellows; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lorna L. Parkins as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her remarkable achievement and best wishes for the future.

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