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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 635**

Offered January 28, 2021

Commending Karen Campblin.

Patrons—Delaney, Adams, D.M., Ayala, Carter, Helmer, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Plum, Rasoul, Reid, Simon and Simonds

WHEREAS, Karen Campblin, an esteemed planner who has served many environmental and racial equity advocacy organizations in Northern Virginia for several years, was named the 2020 Sully District Community Champion by Volunteer Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Karen Campblin received the 2020 Sully District Community Champion honor as part of the annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards presented by Volunteer Fairfax, wherein the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects an individual in each district of Fairfax County who embodies a commitment to volunteerism and addressing specific needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, Karen Campblin was selected as the 2020 Sully District Community Champion for her tireless efforts to combat climate change and racial inequity in Northern Virginia and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by educating fellow volunteers and other community members on the legislative process and the actions they can take to effect change, Karen Campblin has increased the impact of her advocacy exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Karen Campblin has helped the government of Fairfax County shape its current policies and planning decisions through her work with its Tree Commission, Land Unit J Study-Task Force, and Joint Environmental Task Force; she is a member of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, serving as co-chair of its transportation committee; and

WHEREAS, as co-director of the Green New Deal Virginia, transportation and smart growth co-chair of the Virginia chapter of the Sierra Club, and environmental and climate justice chair of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP, Karen Campblin has applied her expertise for the benefit of communities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a member of the American Planning Association since 2008, Karen Campblin is currently the principal planner at the consulting agency ktcPLAN, channeling her commitment to environmental sustainability and racial equity into innovative strategies that enhance community development in the region; and

WHEREAS, by working to ensure that Northern Virginia grows responsibly in a way that protects the environment and empowers all individuals, Karen Campblin has helped make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Karen Campblin, a respected planner and environmental and racial equity advocate, on the occasion of being named the 2020 Sully District Community Champion; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Karen Campblin as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration and respect for her service.