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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 780

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*Commending Dr. Lewis R. Brown.*

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis R. Brown, an esteemed consultant in the fields of environmental toxicology and industrial hygiene, has generously supported the communities of Prince William County and Fauquier County through various food assistance and education programs over many years; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1998, Lewis Brown has operated a food assistance program aimed at supporting elderly and impoverished individuals living in Prince William and Fauquier Counties; since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, he has redoubled his efforts, providing a crucial lifeline to members of his community; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Lewis Brown and his associate, Dr. Shamira A. Brown, have worked tirelessly to scientifically analyze the water, soil, and air in and around Prince William County and Fauquier County, identifying contaminants that may be harmful to living organisms, particularly humans; and

WHEREAS, the ecological and environmental assessments produced by Lewis Brown and Shamira Brown have provided an invaluable resource to residents and policy makers seeking to understand the health risks posed by harmful chemicals and contaminants; and

WHEREAS, to help address environmental concerns stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and foster greater understanding in the community, Lewis Brown and Shamira Brown are developing a fate and transport model to examine how particulates are dispersed when individuals sneeze or cough, while studying how contaminated HVAC systems may play a role in the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Brown regularly presents at local grade schools to educate students and teachers about how to identify and properly dispose of harmful pesticides and chemicals found in the household; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Brown has provided computers to families in need on numerous occasions and is offering virtual tutoring in a wide range of subjects during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to ensure every child receives a quality education; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Brown has served as a grant writer and researcher for the benefit of various special programs and individuals, including day and night child care centers and elderly adults in need of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, committed to the preservation of history and culture, Lewis Brown has generously supported the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County and recently assisted a local African American film festival held in February 2013 to celebrate Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Brown has worked compassionately and indefatigably for the benefit of the most vulnerable members of society, helping to make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Lewis R. Brown, a respected environmental toxicology expert, for his many years of service on behalf of the communities of Prince William County and Fauquier County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Lewis R. Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for his dedication to the health and well-being of citizens of the Commonwealth.

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