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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 744

Offered August 2, 2021

Commending Ellie Ashford.

Patrons—Kory, Adams, D.M., Cole, J.G., Convirs-Fowler, McQuinn and Simonds

WHEREAS, for many years, Ellie Ashford, an award-winning writer and editor, has enriched the lives of Annandale residents through her work to maintain the Annandale Blog, a dedicated source of timely community news; and

WHEREAS, established in 2009, the Annandale Blog provides information about everything from development and revitalization projects to new business openings as well as a calendar of local events; under Ellie Ashford's leadership, the blog has expanded its coverage area to include Seven Corners, Bailey's Crossroads, and other parts of the Mason District; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Ashford previously worked for the National School Boards Association in Alexandria; her articles have appeared in a wide range of publications and on varied websites, and she has worked as a freelance writer and editor for several nonprofit organizations and private companies;

WHEREAS, Ellie Ashford is well known for her integrity, dedication, and incomparable work ethic, as well as her ability to write clearly and accurately about complex issues and her skill as a comprehensive editor; and

WHEREAS, Ellie Ashford earned the 2012 Citation of Merit from the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for her volunteer leadership and contributions to community life in Fairfax County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Ellie Ashford hereby be commended for her years of service to the Annandale community through her work with the Annandale Blog; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ellie Ashford as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her commitment to providing high-quality local journalism.