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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 194

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Commending Cheryl Hartman, Ph.D.

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WHEREAS, Cheryl Hartman, Ph.D., who has dedicated her career to the health and well-being of young people in the Roanoke Valley, was named the Roanoke Citizen of the Year by the Roanoke City Council on December 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke City Council recognized Cheryl Hartman for her steadfast, data-driven efforts throughout her career to reduce the instances of school dropout, teenage pregnancy, obesity, and substance misuse among Roanoke's youth; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer with the Junior League of Roanoke Valley, Cheryl Hartman established a teenage pregnancy prevention program to help young girls avoid the difficulties that may emerge when beginning a family at too early an age; and

WHEREAS, for 15 years, Cheryl Hartman was director of youth development at Family Service of the Roanoke Valley, an organization providing counseling and therapy services and life skills education to children and families; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hartman subsequently joined the Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, where she established an addiction treatment program for adolescents called "Back to Track," aiding many young people in their attempts to overcome substance abuse issues and lead successful, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hartman has mentored numerous future physicians and health care practitioners as a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, as grants project director at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Cheryl Hartman has developed a multitude of programs and initiatives that have improved public health in the region; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of her community, Cheryl Hartman served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke from 2019-2020 and has given generously of her time to several local charities, including the community youth program at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hartman's various endeavors in the interest of public health have made the Roanoke Valley a more wonderful place for young people to grow and thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cheryl Hartman, Ph.D., for being named the Roanoke City Council's 2021 Roanoke Citizen of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cheryl Hartman, Ph.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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