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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 588

Offered January 26, 2023

*Commending the Town of Leesburg.*

Patrons—Reid, Delaney, Gooditis, Murphy, Shin and Subramanyam

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg, county seat of Loudoun and home to more than 48,000 citizens of the Commonwealth, was named one of the "Best Places to Live for Families" by *Fortune* magazine in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg placed eighth in *Fortune* magazine's ranking, which evaluated nearly 2,000 localities from across the nation with populations between 25,000 and 750,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg and the other localities were assessed by *Fortune* magazine across the categories of education, resources for aging residents, general wellness, and financial health to measure their suitability for families responsible for both raising children and caring for aging parents; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg was selected for this distinction as a result of its proximity to Virginia wine country; its active and family-friendly downtown area, including charming shops, galleries, and historical landmarks; its top-ranked schools; and its plethora of senior living options; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg has benefited recently from its designation as an Exploring Main Street community with the Department of Housing and Community Development, which provides valuable resources to support long-term revitalization efforts in the area; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg hosts a number of festivals and events throughout the year, including the Flower and Garden Festival, the Art Festival, and the Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Show, giving countless visitors the opportunity to enjoy the locality's vibrant spirit and small-town charm; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg was also recently named the "Most Beautiful Town in Virginia" by TheTravel.com and cited as the sixth safest locality in the Commonwealth by Ramsey Solutions; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg's selection as one of *Fortune* magazine's "Best Places to Live for Families" serves as testament to the well-known fact that the town is 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 the Town of Leesburg for being named one of *Fortune* magazine's 2022 "Best Places to Live for Families"; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Town of Leesburg as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the town's accolade.

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