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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 469**

Offered February 11, 2003

Commending Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn.

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WHEREAS, the Best of Reston Awards were established by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith to honor businesses, organizations, and individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to serving the Reston community; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce helps businesses prosper in the Northern Virginia area by promoting the business and civic interests of Reston Chamber members and residents; and

WHEREAS, Reston Interfaith, the oldest and largest social service agency in the Reston area, is sponsored by 19 religious organizations and a large volunteer base and sponsors local shelters and transitional and affordable housing and provides emergency food and clothing; and

WHEREAS, among the honorees of the 12th Annual Best of Reston Awards, announced January 31, 2003, were Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn were cited for their strong commitment to helping those in need in the Reston community; and

WHEREAS, the Flynns collect and distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to more than 200 families each year, conduct monthly food drives at St. John Neumann Church, and sponsor a monthly birthday club program for the children of the Laurel Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, the Flynns also buy, collect, and distribute new clothing and backpacks to children served by Reston Interfaith; and

WHEREAS, because of their wide-ranging, sustained, and personal community service activities, Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn are worthy recipients of the Best of Reston Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mary Ann Flynn and Tom Flynn as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Reston.