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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 310

Offered February 12, 2014

*Commending Catherine Fulkerson.*

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WHEREAS, Catherine Fulkerson was honored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones, Inc., with a prestigious 2014 Best of Reston Award in the Individual Community Leader category; and

WHEREAS, the Best of Reston awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and improving the lives of people throughout the greater Reston area; and

WHEREAS, as chief executive officer of Reston Association, the governing body of the Commonwealth's first planned residential community, Catherine "Cate" Fulkerson has carefully guided the organization with enthusiasm, intelligence, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cate Fulkerson was raised in Reston and has a deep knowledge and love of the attractive and vibrant community in Fairfax County she calls home; she has lived, worked, and played there her entire life; and

WHEREAS, Cate Fulkerson demonstrates consensus-building and problem-solving in her work with Reston Association; she is an experienced team leader who adheres to an ethical, strategic, and common-sense approach to her duties as the chief executive officer of the planned community; and

WHEREAS, Cate Fulkerson has worked for Reston Association since 1991, successfully melding her work, home, and volunteer life; she inspires those who work with her to put forth their best efforts, with her energy and close attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, Cate Fulkerson has been board chair of the Reston Character Counts! Coalition, chair of the annual Ethics Day event for South Lakes High School, which is sponsored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, and is a mentor for the Emerging Leaders Institute of Leadership Fairfax, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that diverse urban communities need effective leadership to grow and thrive, Cate Fulkerson has assumed many leadership roles in Leadership Fairfax, Inc., and the national Community Associations Institute; she served on the board of Leadership Fairfax for 11 years, including one year as chair; and

WHEREAS, Cate Fulkerson has won many awards for her work to improve Reston and the surrounding area, including being named Citizen of the Year for 2012 by the Reston Citizens Association and receiving an Ace award from the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Catherine Fulkerson for her many years of work on behalf of the people of Reston and on her well-deserved honor as a 2014 Best of Reston Award recipient in the Individual Community Leader category; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Catherine Fulkerson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for her commitment to and leadership of Reston Association.

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