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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 311

Offered February 12, 2014

Commending Jerry Ferguson.

Patrons—Plum; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, Jerry Ferguson 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, Jerry Ferguson is a talented filmmaker who generously donates his time and resources to produce videos for nonprofit organizations in the community; his films are used by community groups in public relations and fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Ferguson is director of development and outreach for Fairfax Public Access (FPA), a community television, radio, education, and cablecasting organization serving Fairfax County and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; his work with FPA complements his outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, often when filming meetings and events of local nonprofit and charitable organizations for FPA, Jerry Ferguson uses his time there to record and explain an organization's purpose and promote its mission; the resulting videos, which are free of charge, can be used to distribute information and raise funds; and

WHEREAS, with his videos, Jerry Ferguson helps nonprofit groups spread their message to the largest possible audience; he has created and produced short films for Leadership Fairfax, Inc., FACETS, Cornerstones, Inc., and regional chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, in offering this service at no cost, Jerry Ferguson selflessly gives back to the community; he takes pride in his outreach efforts, and his generosity often brings out the best in those with whom he interacts; and

WHEREAS, by donating his time and talents to nonprofit organizations in the greater Reston area, Jerry Ferguson has enabled the groups to use their financial resources in other ways to help the people they serve—he frequently has donated in-kind services worth thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Ferguson's videos capture in a personal and direct way the stories of the people and groups who have benefited from the many helping and charitable organizations in Reston and the surrounding area; his films have a positive impact and help in fundraising efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jerry Ferguson for sharing his filmmaking skills with charities and nonprofit organizations in the Reston area and on his well-deserved selection as the recipient of a 2014 Best of Reston Award 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 Jerry Ferguson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his volunteer work in producing videos for nonprofit organizations in the Reston area.

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